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PIA cancels Kuwait flight

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PIA flights to Kuwait have been disrupted by the Pakistani pilots' go-slow tactics, now in the second week.

Pakistan International Airlines cancelled three international and five domestic flights yesterday morning.

Thursday's scheduled PIA flight to Kuwait was cancelled at the last moment. Harried passengers waited in Karachi for hours before they could get a seat on a British Airways flight. Only 125 of those booked on PIA managed to get back to Kuwait.

One passenger who made it to Kuwait, said: "We would have been stranded if we had not got the BA seats."

The passengers were shuttled from one terminal to another in Karachi before the authorities finally announced the Kuwait flight cancellation.

Another passenger said: "There was total chaos at the airport; children were crying, our baggage was scattered and we didn't know whether we were coming or going."

PIA's manager in Kuwait was unavailable for comment.

There are four PIA flights to Kuwait.

KUNA adds: the pilots' strike, has disrupted flight movement badly. Air travellers are expected to face the situation for an indefinite period as the talks between the Pakistan Airlines Pilots Association (PALPA) and the PIA management failed to yield positive results.

Last Thursday, 400 pilots refused to do extra duty unless their long-standing demands, including a pay rise, were accepted.

The PIA board of directors has offered a new package to the pilots and gave them three days to respond. Informed sources said the package included a 10 per cent wage increase.

Call to reassess US tax laws on Gulf Americans

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14 jailed for soccer riots

BRUSSELS, April 28, (UPI): A Brussels court today sentenced 14 British soccer fans to three years in jail, half of the term being suspended, for causing an intense panic in which 39 people were killed before the Liverpool-Juventus European Cup final at the Brussels Heysel stadium on May 29, 1985.

Eleven other Liverpool fans were acquitted, as the court found their guilt was not proven.

In his verdict, Judge Pierre Verlynde found the 14 fans guilty of "acts of violence" which caused an "intense panic" in the stadium in which 39 people, 34 of them Italians, were crushed to death. About 450 other people were injured.

The British fans were accused of assault and battery which resulted in involuntary manslaughter.

They had been extradited in September 1987 by Britain after having been identified on pictures and video tapes.

Japanese tycoon Matsushita dies

TOKYO, April 28, (AP): Konosuke Matsushita, founder of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., one of the world's largest manufacturers of consumer electronics, died of pneumonia yesterday, a hospital official said. He was 94.

He built his global electronics empire from an electric socket business he began in 1918.

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Tornado hits Bangladesh

DHAKA, April 28, (Agencies): Soldiers recovered more bodies from fields and from under rubble in central Bangladesh today, bringing to 700 the death toll from a tornado that devastated the area two days earlier.

Officials said they believed there were many corpses still hidden under wreckage.

"It seems the death toll will pass 1,000 when all the wreckage has been cleared," one official told reporters.

The tornado, with a wind speed of 160 km (100 miles) per hour, hit the Manikganj district, 65 km (40 miles) north of Dhaka, on Wednesday.

Striking without warning, it flattened houses and crops in a 60 square mile (150 sq km) area.

"Nearly 300 bodies have so far been recovered from Shaturia sub-district alone," said District Commissioner Moslem Ali today.

He said 50 bodies were found in Daulatpur sub-district and more than 150 in Manikganj Sadar, Dhamrai and Nagarpur.

More harrowing stories emerged today from survivors of the storm.

Death toll so far 700; bodies rotting



A woman weeps over the body of her mother (above) while another woman (below) who lost her husband and a son in the tornado, weeps lonely on the rubble of her wrecked home. (Reuter wirephoto)



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Rains delay rescue

"I saw 30 bodies, mutilated and rotting, lying in a rice field two days after the havoc," said Abdul Ghafur, chairman of a local council.

"Villagers first noticed a patch of bright yellow cloud hovering in a corner of the sky," he told Reuters by phone.

"Then, before they could realise what it was, the tornado thundered down — blowing away men, houses, cattle and everything," he said.

The tornado destroyed thousands of houses in at least 30 villages, killed hundreds of animals and damaged crops already badly hurt by more than a month of searing drought.

Officials said intermittent rain since the tornado was easing the drought but delaying efforts to rescue storm victims.

"Widespread rain last night and early today caused immense suffering to thousands of homeless people squatting outdoors. It also slowed the rescue operation," Manikganj resident Zahidul Haque said.

Witnesses said twisted corrugated iron roofs still hung from trees. Wailing parents searched for children while a husband madly dug through piles of debris hoping to find his wife.

More than 600 injured, many with limbs severed, were treated in Manikganj hospital, doctors said. Hundreds of others were sent to Dhaka Medical College and nearby Savar Military Hospital.

Authorities and survivors reported the tornado sank about 300 small boats in the Jamuna river near Shaturia, and rendered homeless at least 100,000 people, who wandered toward Dhaka by foot or aboard commandeered vehicles.

Authorities also reported storms spawned by the Wednesday evening twister capsized a ferryboat near Cox's Bazaar, drowning some 200 occupants in waters 200 miles (320 km) south of Dhaka.

The tornado, after hitting Manikganj, left a 20-mile-long (30-km) stretch of farmland untouched, and then descended on Bhupur district, where it caused severe damage and some injuries among inhabitants of some 20 villages, officials said.

'Uproot corruption'

Hussein names Shaker premier

AMMAN, April 28, (Agencies): King Hussein swore in his tough former Army commander Zeid Bin Shaker as prime minister yesterday in the wake of widespread rioting, telling him to reorganize the government and prepare for Jordan's first general elections in 22 years.

State-run Jordan television showed the swearing-in ceremony and said Hussein had issued 19 directives to the new government, including calls for freedom of the press, support for the PLO and stamping out corruption.

The new 24-man cabinet includes seven Palestinian-born men, down from 10 in the previous 26-member cabinet.

But that appeared enough to assert Hussein's continuing claim to represent Palestinians in the kingdom despite his decision to sever ties with the West Bank last year. Palestinians make up half of Jordan's population of three million.

In his statement, the king vowed continued support for the PLO and "non-interference in their local affairs," further distancing himself from the West Bank he ruled until 1967, when it was seized by Israel.

The new government includes nine holdovers from the previous cabinet, which was forced to resign in the wake of last week's rioting in southern Jordan. Among them is Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem.

Bin Shaker, 55, is a longtime friend and adviser of the king. He is most famous for his military role in crushing Palestinian commandos in Jordan in 1970 and 1971.

Bin Shaker was armed forces commander in chief until last year, when Hussein made him chief of palace advisers and his special adviser on security affairs.

He still holds the rank of field marshal and enjoys high prestige in the Army.

That fact should help him quell any lingering unrest. The riots were centred among native Jordanians in the south, who are disproportionately represented in the military.

Bin Shaker takes office in the wake of the kingdom's worst domestic violence since 1971. A wave of riots over government price hikes and economic difficulties swept Jordan last week.

In his message to the new government, Hussein alluded to charges of corruption and profiteering levelled against outgoing Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, whose name was chanted in rage by the rioters.

The king ordered his ministers to re-examine the country's tax laws with an eye to fairness and "to uproot corruption wherever it is."

He demanded stronger channels of communication between the people and the government, including "the right of expression and freedom of the press," which many critics claimed had been limited under Rifai, who nationalized Jordan's already docile newspapers.

But the king also told the government to "put an end to the involvement of religion in politics," an apparent reference to Islamic fundamentalists accused of encouraging the unrest.

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday denied accusations by Jordan's King Hussein that Israel was involved in sparking the recent riots in Jordan and said they were "almost ridiculous."

Rabin said on state-owned Israel radio.

Iraq has given neighbouring Jordan a gift of 120 British-made Chieftain tanks captured from Iran, Jane's defence weekly said.



Bin Shaker

Beirut truce takes effect

Arab League efforts welcomed

BEIRUT, April 28, (Agencies): The guns fell silent in Beirut today as Christian and Muslim forces welcomed a ceasefire arranged by the Arab League in hopes of ending six weeks of bloody fighting that has left at least 271 people dead.

Police said the Christian forces, consisting of the Lebanese Army and Lebanese Forces militia, and a coalition of Syrian-backed Muslim militiamen appeared to be honouring the ceasefire which took effect at noon today (1000 GMT) as called for by the Arab League.

Less than two hours before the ceasefire, the command of the Christian units issued a communique saying its forces would abide by the Arab call and announced the opening of all roads between Christian areas and other parts of the country.

The Arab League proposal was announced yesterday at the end of an emergency foreign ministers' meeting in Tunis. It called for a ceasefire and the establishment of an Arab observer force to monitor the truce.

Pro-Syrian Muslim leaders welcomed the plan, and Christian officials said it was a step in the right direction but voiced some reservations.

Arab League Secretary-General Chadli Klibi was appointed to put together the ceasefire observer force, League sources said. The force can leave for Beirut within 24 hours. The Arab League also called for the lifting of all blockades on seaports and airports and the opening up of roads. The Christian government said today it would allow Beirut airport to re-open.

In Washington, US Secretary of State James Baker met briefly today with Arab diplomats, including an Arab League representative, and reiterated his support for efforts to implement a ceasefire in Lebanon.

The Christian government welcomed provisions for the lifting of a Muslim siege on Army-held seaports. But it did not say if Christian forces would lift their blockade on three Muslim-run ports south of Beirut. This threatened to undermine the truce.

The Christians called on the Arab League to "pursue its efforts to solve the basic problems," that is the Syrian presence, Lebanon.

But Nabih Berri, leader of Shiite Amal militia said Syrian troops should stay in Lebanon until Israel quits all Lebanese territory and the country's Christian and Muslim communities are reconciled.

Kuwait is to fly 50 Lebanese war victims to hospitals next week, a doctor said in Beirut yesterday.

Kamel Muhanna, in charge of supervising the Kuwaiti relief operation in Beirut, said 25 wounded Muslims would be flown from Damascus and 25 Christians from the port of Larnaca in Cyprus.

The convoy of Kuwaiti trucks that brought medical supplies for Lebanon left here yesterday for Kuwait.

Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed will meet UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in Geneva to discuss ways to end the conflict in Lebanon, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) said today.

Sheikh Sabah heads the Lebanon committee of the Arab League.

400 killed, say Senegal refugees

DAKAR, April 28, (Reuters): Refugees reaching Senegal today said up to 400 people were hacked or clubbed to death in two days of communal violence in the Mauritanian capital Nouakchott.

No official toll has been given but hospital sources in Nouakchott have said at least 100 Senegalese died in the fighting on Monday and Tuesday.

Senegal has threatened reprisals against Mauritania and accused it of failing to take steps to prevent the death of Senegalese.

The first batch of some 160 refugees who arrived in Dakar today gave harrowing accounts of the killings, which some Dakar residents fear could rekindle violence against Mauritians in Senegal.



Two women in West Beirut carry shopping bags filled with vegetables on Thursday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Iranians will perform haj if problems solved

Quota 'main obstacle'

NICOSIA, April 28, (Reuters): Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Musavi said Iranians will attend the haj in Saudi Arabia in July if existing obstacles were removed, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

Iran boycotted last year's ceremonies after Saudi Arabia refused to raise the quota of 45,000 Iranian pilgrims set by the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

IRNA quoted Musavi as saying the quota was again the "main obstacle."

Musavi did not refer to any specific initiative to resolve the problem, but said the question of the haj should not be linked to the state of diplomatic relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia, broken by Riyadh a year ago in the aftermath of the Makkah riots.

Swiss court rejects Marcos' funds appeal

ZURICH, April 28, (Agencies): A Swiss court has rejected an appeal by deposed Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda against a judge's order to send some of their wealth back to Manila.

Pierre Zappelli, president of Fribourg cantonal court, told Reuters yesterday the decision involved \$70 million which the Marcoses deposited with Swiss Bank Corporation, a commercial bank.

He declined to give reasons for upholding a ruling made by local Judge Pierre-Emmanuel Esceiva last June.

Lawyers for the Marcoses, ousted in 1986 and now living in Hawaii, have 30 days to make a further appeal to the Swiss Supreme Court. If they lose, the money will be put at the disposal of the Philippine Supreme Court.

Swiss authorities say they do not know how much money the Marcoses placed in Switzerland. A Philippine government body tracking down their wealth has estimated they stashed away \$5.1 billion in Swiss accounts.

In a separate development the Philippine foreign secretary warned today that a rightwing threat to attack Soviet and Chinese nationals in retaliation for the killing of a US Army colonel may lead to a dangerous polarization of Philippine society.

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20 detained in Seoul students protest

SEOUL, April 28, (AP): Students staged violent anti-government protests at four universities in Seoul today, and police arrested 20 students trying to march to the North Korean border despite a government ban.

Several thousand students rallied at colleges in the capital before attempting to march to the Panmunjom border town, about 50 kilometres (30 miles) north of Seoul, to meet with students from the communist north.

The government had banned the march and also a labour rally planned for Sunday to celebrate the May Day labour holiday, saying force would be used to put down any violent protest.

The government said the student march posed a threat to public safety and that only the government has authority to deal with the rival north.

Riot police circled some schools, standing guard to prevent students from marching out. Police said 20 radical student leaders trying to get to the border were arrested at a police checkpoint after a meeting at Hongik University.

More than 2,000 South Korean police officers tendered resignations today to protest an alleged assault on a police superintendent by an opposition lawmaker, police said.

UK to have bomb scanners

Trial run at Gatwick airport this year

LONDON, April 28, (Reuters): Britain said yesterday it would install one of the latest US plastic explosive detectors in the wake of the bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Scotland last December.

Transport Secretary Paul Channon said after talks with US Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner that Britain's first Thermal Neutron Analysis (TNA) machine would begin a trial run at London's Gatwick airport later this year.

Skinner told a news conference that Italy, West Germany, Switzerland and France were also expected to start using the machine or had asked for more information about them.

He said a TNA machine on test on the west coast of the United States had worked well without delaying passengers.

"I look forward to the time when we have machines such as this, or its successor technology, deployed in all major airports," he said.

The United States has spent \$60 million developing the scanners, the most advanced in the world. Unlike present machines they can detect plastic explosives in baggage.

Investigators believe the bomb that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 last December was made of plastic explosive hidden in a radio-cassette player loaded in the airliner's forward baggage hold.

Skinner, winding up a five-nation European trip, said he expected to announce new security measures covering radios, tape recorders and other electronic devices on board aircraft.

US detects space balloon

Spy satellites

LOS ANGELES, April 28, (UPI): Nuclear-powered Soviet spy satellites capable of zeroing on US submarines have been detected emitting powerful gamma rays that interfere with space communication, scientists reported.

The accidental discovery occurred last year but was reported yesterday in the current issue of the British journal Science, which this week focuses on what before had been a highly classified government concern.

Researchers from the University of California-Riverside pinpointed the spy satellites by way of a telescope strapped to a high-flying space balloon during a mission aimed at getting a bird's-eye view of the stars.

The mission was continually interrupted by bursts of brilliant celestial light — gamma rays — more intense than the entire crab nebula, one of the brightest natural sources of gamma rays in the near reaches of the universe.

A gamma ray is electromagnetic energy that exists in a range higher than that of X-rays and is notable for the intensity of its light. Elsewhere in space, supernovas, neutron stars and quasars are sources of the little understood rays first detected in the deep regions of the heavens 22 years ago.

Students vow to continue boycott

BEIJING, April 28, (AP): Students at Beijing universities discussed strategy today and vowed to continue their five-day-old class boycott, as wall posters appeared proclaiming victory a day after more than 150,000 students and supporters marched for democracy.

"Victory belongs to the people," said one poster at Beijing University.

"Long live the student movement," said another at the political science and law college.

Student leaders said they welcomed the government's announcement yesterday that it was willing to hold talks with student leaders, but opposed the condition that the talks be conducted through official student organisations.

Protesters in most schools have already rejected the official groups as non-democratic and have formed their own student unions, which the government has denounced as illegal.

Student leaders from several schools met this afternoon to discuss strategy.

"We talked about the march but didn't come to any decisions," said one leader at Beijing Normal University. "Right now we are savouring this victory. We have made the Communist Party bend."

Wang Dan, a student leader at Beijing University, said student leaders hoped talks with the government would be held soon.

He said students wanted to meet with Premier Li Peng. "He is the leader of the government and he should hear all the views of the citizens," he said.

Newspapers throughout China printed a Xinhua news agency story on the protest, saying that about 30,000 students marched in the city.

The protest was sparked by an editorial on Wednesday in the People's Daily which called the student movement a "chaotic disturbance" and accused the students of being unpatriotic.

Friday's Xinhua report was significant in that it did not accuse the students of calling for the overthrow of the government. Most students say they only want the leaders to do their job better and respect human rights.

Thursday's march was led with a poster reading, "uphold the righteous leaders of the party."

The afternoon television news broadcast a videotape of the march but repeated a warning that the march was illegal and that students unions which had organised the march were breaking the law.

The People's Daily, the newspaper of the Communist Party, also ran a re-cap of the previous two weeks of disturbances in an attempt to calm the students' anger.

Karnataka protest

BANGALORE, April 28, (Reuters): Sporadic violence broke out yesterday during a one-day national strike called by Indian opposition parties to protest the dismissal of the Karnataka state government in southern India.

Karnataka Governor P. Venkatasubbiah last week dismissed the cabinet of S.R. Bommai of the Janata Dal Party on the grounds it had lost its majority in the state parliament. The governor placed the state under direct rule from New Delhi.

Drug from cucumber kills AIDS cells

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28, (UPI): A highly purified version of a Chinese drug derived from cucumbers will undergo tests on humans to determine if it is safe to take for the treatment of AIDS, officials said.

The Food and Drug Administration has approved human testing of the drug called GLQ223, the only agent shown to kill AIDS-infected cells selectively in the test tube, officials said yesterday. GLQ223 is a highly purified version of a drug, made from a type of cucumber, that is used in China to induce abortions.

Strike paralyzes south Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, April 28, (UPI): A general strike called by Sinhalese radicals paralyzed much of southern Sri Lanka in a protest against the governments negotiations that were ongoing yesterday with the emissary of a powerful Tamil rebel group, officials said.

Police reported activists of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna — Sinhalese for the "Peoples Liberation Front" — late Wednesday slapped up posters calling for the work stoppage across southern parts of the island dominated by the Buddhist community.

They said the call found almost total adherence in southern Matara, Panadura and Kalutara towns and the eastern settlements of Kegalle and Ratnapura, where all shops, schools and business closed and few government employees attended work.

The strike partially succeeded in the Colombo suburbs of Ratmalana and Ja-Ela and various northern parts of the capital, police said, adding they expected the disruptions to continue.

The JVP posters said the action was to mark opposition to talks that began on Wednesday between the government and an envoy for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the rebel group

which has been fighting for nearly six years for a nation for the Hindu minority.

Violence linked to its campaign of agitation, killing and sabotage has left some 2,000 people dead this year, and although the posters did not articulate why the JVP objected to the talks, the group has always vehemently opposed any plans to grant the Tamils any degree of independence.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

No snap election

DUBLIN, April 28, (Reuters): Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey has ruled out calling a snap election after his minority government was defeated in parliament for the sixth time in two years.

Its latest defeat came on Wednesday when it failed by three votes to stop an opposition motion to set up a 400,000 punt (\$600,000) trust fund for haemophiliacs exposed to AIDS through contaminated blood supplies.

Freak hailstorm

MEXICO CITY, April 28, (AP): Thousands of people were left homeless in the southern state of Veracruz after a freak hailstorm destroyed their roofs, news reports said yesterday.

The Excelsior News Service said no major injuries were reported in the hailstorm, which occurred Wednesday afternoon in the 12 towns surrounding the Pico de Orizaba volcano, about 150 miles east of Mexico City.

Deportation denied

LONDON, April 28, (KUNA): The British Home Office denied today claims that hundreds of people have been deported illegally from the UK by immigration officers.

A report in today's Independent newspaper said that the department's own lawyers had advised that the decision to empower immigration officers to deport people was against the law.

38 killed

BANGKOK, April 28, (Reuters): At least 38 people were killed and a further 37 injured when armed men ambushed a group of 150 market traders crossing a field on the Thai-Kampuchea border on Wednesday, officials said.

They said the wounded, many in a serious condition with shrapnel and mine injuries, were taken to a hospital run by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Bodies recovered

NAIROBI, April 28, (UPI): Thirty-one bodies have been recovered and a survivor said about 70 more people were missing in the collapse of an illegal gold mine in Burundi's northeastern Muringa district, the official Burundi News Agency (BNA) reported yesterday.

The rescuers are working around the clock to dig out bodies of other prosecutors covered with the mass of earth, state-run Radio Brundi said in a separate report. "This is the worst tragedy to happen in Brundi's mining history."

Bodies excavated

MOSCOW, April 28, (AP): Authorities excavated the bodies of more than 200 people who had been shot during Josef Stalin's rule and buried in a mass grave outside Kiev, the official news agency Tass reported.

Tass, quoting from a report in the weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta, said Wednesday the bodies of foreigners were among those found during four days of excavation at a site in the Darnitsa forest. It did give the exact days for the excavation.

Forged notes

BRUSSELS, April 28, (Reuters): Brussels airport staff uncovered a haul worth a million dollars — in near-perfect forged notes — during a routine baggage check, police said yesterday.

A Belgian courier arrested could be part of a much bigger operation, a spokesman said. He declined to give details.

Early speech

WASHINGTON, April 28, (KUNA): Strong evidence emerged for the first time that early humans called Neandertals may have possessed rudimentary speech, it was disclosed yesterday.

Paleontologists here said discovery of a 60,000-year-old skeleton in a cave in occupied Palestine bolstered scientists who long have asserted that early hominids could speak.

Lawyer protests

LONDON, April 28, (AP): An opposition lawmaker who has suspended last year for damaging a royal mace in the House of Commons protested his innocence Wednesday of charges of theft and damaging property in connection with a new incident.

Star Wars test

The United States announced on Thursday a successful 'Star Wars' test which officials called a key step towards development of small space-based interceptors to destroy enemy nuclear missiles in flight.

The 20-second test was conducted last Monday inside a large building at Edwards Air Force base, California, where the first six foot (two metres) long model of such an interceptor hovered in the air using small thrust engines, defence officials said.

Picture shows the flight test at the Air Force Systems Command's Astronautics Laboratory. (Reuter wirephoto)

UK rejects call for missile talks

Differences with Kohl

LONDON, April 28, (Reuters): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe said yesterday NATO would be foolish to negotiate with the Warsaw Pact on reducing short-range nuclear weapons in Europe as demanded by West Germany.

Rejecting a fresh call for negotiations by Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Howe said such talks would weaken the West's defences.

"We believe it is essential to recognise the need to keep short-range nuclear weapons available and up to date," he said in a British television interview. "It would be foolish to embark on negotiations about the future of these things."

Kohl is resisting US and British pressure to modernise ageing short-range Lance missiles in West Germany. London and Washington fear that if Kohl stands firm, the Soviet Union will see the disarmament as a sign of weakness in NATO ranks.

Despite current differences, Howe said the allies could continue to work for an eventual agreement.

"It is important to recognise the common ground that we start from. Certainly a very short time ago we all agreed on the need to maintain our conventional and nuclear capability in up-to-date

conditions," he said.

British government sources said they believed Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher might be able to persuade Kohl to change his mind when they meet on Sunday.

The new US Ambassador to West Germany, Vernon Walters, warned yesterday against any attempts by individual Western alliance nations to unravel transatlantic NATO commitments.

Walters did not identify any nation, or say if he was referring to the current disagreement between West Germany and the US over modernising short-range nuclear weapons.

West Germany has called for superpower talks on reducing the US and Soviet tactical arsenals.

Walters did not mention the dispute in an address to the Atlantik Bruecke (Atlantic Bridge), a Hanover-based forum for West German-US discussions on military and other matters.

The ambassador said nuclear weapons must remain a key component of NATO's strategy of deterrence.

Walters suggested he fears disaster for the NATO if member nations decide to pursue their own interests without consideration for NATO's common good.

Babies through new method

First gift of ZIFT

NEW YORK, April 28, (AP): Two babies born this month apparently represent the United States' first births from a new technique to place fertilized eggs in a woman's fallopian tubes without surgery.

One girl was born April 9 by normal delivery, according to a spokeswoman at the University of California at Irvine, and a second girl was born by Caesarean section on April 12, according to the Genetic and IVF Institute of Fairfax, Virginia.

The second girl was premature at 36 and 1-2 weeks, but was pronounced healthy soon after birth, the institute said. The girl and her mother are doing well now, institute director Joseph Schulman said Wednesday.

Both births resulted from a procedure called non-surgical ZIFT (zygote intrafallopian transfer). The procedure involves guiding a tube through the cervix to the fallopian tube, where it deposits two or three fertilized eggs.

FDA spokesman Brad Stone said his agency gave the drug's developers the go-ahead to start testing the compound in humans, the first stage of which will only look at the drug's safety, not its effectiveness in fighting AIDS.

The initial tests are expected to begin in May at San Francisco General Hospital, said officials at the University of California-San Francisco, which helped develop the drug. The study will be directed by Paul Volberding, UCSF associate professor of medicine and a leading AIDS researcher.

US shuttle Atlantis ready for blast off

CAPE CANAVERAL, April 28, (Reuters): The space shuttle Atlantis moved through the final stages of a smooth countdown today as space agency officials prepared to launch the first US deep-space probe for more than 10 years.

Officials of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said Atlantis, carrying a crew of five and the Venus-bound Magellan spacecraft, would be ready to blast off on schedule at 2:24 pm (1824 GMT).

Six hours after Atlantis reaches orbit the unmanned \$550-million Magellan is to be sent spinning out of the shuttle's cargo bay at the start of a 15-month voyage to Venus, earth's closest neighbour.

The last US planetary expedition was a Pioneer probe to Venus in 1978.

Because Magellan must follow a carefully plotted course to Venus, Atlantis' liftoff requires the most precise timing since the start of the shuttle programme eight years ago.

Launch crews have a 23-minute "window" to get Atlantis off the ground, after which the flight would have to be put off for at least 24 hours.

The three-man crew of the Mir space station returned safely to earth early yesterday, leaving the orbiting station unmanned for the first time in two years in what is partly an economic measure.

The West German cabinet on Wednesday decided to create a national space agency to plan and carry out space travel projects, Research Minister Heinz Riesenhuber told a news conference.

Chance discovery

Virus found

WASHINGTON, April 28, (UPI): Almost 20 per cent of intravenous drug users tested in a New Orleans study were infected with a type of leukemia-causing virus formerly thought to be extremely rare, scientists said yesterday.

A team from University of California-Los Angeles and Abbott Laboratories of North Chicago, Illinois, stumbled across the surprising findings while examining the effectiveness of a test for human T-cell leukaemia virus type 1 (HTLV-1).



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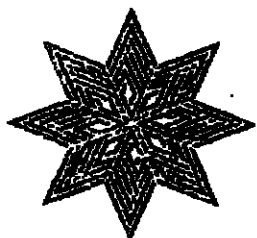
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Heinz receives blackmail threats

Baby food scare widens

LONDON, April 28, (Agencies): Heinz, one of two baby food companies in Britain whose products have been deliberately contaminated, said yesterday they received blackmail threats but would not pay any money to extortionists.

Nails, razor blades, small pieces of broken glass, tacks, caustic soda and needles have been found throughout Britain and the Republic of Ireland in over 50 items of baby food produced by US-owned H. J. Heinz and the British company Cow and Gate.

"Heinz... have not paid any blackmail money. Nor will they do so," a company statement said. "Heinz have always insisted that public safety is paramount. The safety of babies is our overriding concern."

But a spokeswoman for Cow and Gate said the company "has not received any threats of blackmail or threats of any other nature."

Scotland Yard's regional crime squad said the two companies offered a £100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the contamination.

According to one Member of Parliament the baby food was tampered with after it left the factories.

At the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, about 170 miles (273 km) southwest of London, Peter Vicer, manager of the paediatric unit, said a six-month-old girl had spent the night in the hospital suspected to having swallowed glass that was in her baby food. She left the hospital yesterday when no glass was found in her system.

Two other babies were admitted to hospitals in Leeds and Leicester.

Carol Smith, who found glass in her daughter's food, said she "was in an absolute panic."

The first reported incidents of contaminated food came two weeks ago. There were five cases reported before police issued a statement on April 26 that blackmail threats were made against Heinz, who sell over 170 million packages of baby foods in Britain annually.

The contamination began in southeast England, but spread throughout the British Isles with incidents yesterday in the Irish Republic of Drogheda, 30 miles north of Dublin, and Waterford.

Heinz said withdrawing its goods from stores would not solve the problem.

"A general withdrawal would not solve the external tampering. The problem would re-appear at any future date on Heinz products or any other food products sold in grocery outlets," a statement said.

"Our energies are concentrated on assisting the police in apprehending a criminal who is prepared to put babies' lives at risk," it said.

Home Office Minister John Patten told Parliament on Wednesday the police had "considerable evidence" the foods



A British lady holds her baby after finding five pieces of broken needle in a jar of chocolate pudding. (Reuter wirephoto)

were tampered with after they had left the factory and he warned parents to check the seals on pots of baby food to see if they had been opened.

"It is difficult to imagine the twisted minds that could mount such a vicious attack on defenceless babies," Patten said.

Ted Smyth, a senior executive of Heinz, flew to London yesterday.

Asked about British news reports that some unnamed companies had handed over a total of £500,000 to extortionists, Smyth said: "We (Heinz) are determined not to pay blackmail money to the thugs who are doing this. It would only encourage other blackmailers."

No babies have been seriously injured but the spiking incidents dominated national news bulletins and newspapers carried banner headlines such as "Terror of baby food blackmail" and "Who is trying to kill our babies?"

Scotland Yard police headquarters has launched a nation-wide hunt for the culprits.

In Brussels, the Belgian Health Ministry warned the public to pay special attention to baby

food in cans and jars made by Heinz and Cow and Gate.

A ministry statement said if any cases of tampering were discovered, it would take immediate steps to halt the sale of baby food made by the two companies.

There has been speculation that the food was bought in supermarkets, spiked and then returned to shelves surreptitiously.

The Evening Standard newspaper said a husband-and-wife team were believed to have been involved in the case.

Threatening firms by contaminating their products is not new. Mars chocolate bars were withdrawn from British shops in 1986 after animal rights campaigners claimed to have poisoned them to discourage the makers from carrying out tooth-decay experiments on monkeys.

In 1982 seven people died in Chicago after the pain-killer tylenol was found laced with cyanide. The culprit was never caught.

The British cases resemble 1986 incidents in the United States when slivers of glass were found in baby food made by Gerber.

Bush on war-path against illicit drugs

MIAMI, April 28, (Reuters): US President

Bush urged the chemical industry yesterday to do more to keep chemicals from being diverted for use in producing cocaine, but an industry spokesman said his remarks were an unwarranted attack.

Bush made the war on drugs his theme on the fourth and final day of a coast-to-coast political tour marking his first 100 days in office.

"We would like to see US chemical manufacturers demonstrate their courage and civic responsibility by entering into a true partnership with our government as we try to stop narcotics at their source," the President said. "They should make it

their job to join in."

He spoke to a conference of drug-endorsement agents attended by representatives of 30 countries.

"Industry's got to do more," Bush said in his speech, referring to US-made chemicals like ether and acetone used to refine cocaine. "And I hope that parents groups and stockholders are listening today."

"We should demand that US corporations act responsibly, and that they not tolerate their chemicals winding up in criminal hands."

Jeff Vann, a spokesman for the Chemical Manufacturers Association, a

trade group of chemical companies, said Bush's remarks were "frankly an attack on our industry. It's not only uncalled for, it's wrong."

"We think the President's been misinformed or at least ill-informed about what chemical manufacturers are doing to keep their products from being stolen from international commerce," Vann said.

He said Bush appeared unfamiliar with the chemical diversion and trafficking act of 1988 aimed at blocking the diversion of chemicals to producers of illegal cocaine.

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Bush would like chemical companies "to work with us on this problem."

It's not enough to say "we didn't sell them to the drug producers," Bush also called for a formal agreement between the US and its neighbours to wage a war against illicit drugs.

"I ask that the leaders of the Western hemisphere, whose nations are afflicted by this scourge, join with me to work together toward a hemispheric compact on drugs—a mutual commitment of resources and energy to ensure a brighter day for the children of the Americas," he said.

Britain is helping Turkey stem the flow to Europe of heroin and other drugs from Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan, a Turkish security officer said yesterday.

Central Park victim develops pneumonia

Life hangs by a thread

NEW YORK, April 28, (UPI): The comatose victim of a Central Park attack has developed pneumonia and her "life hangs by a thread," doctors said yesterday, amid reports that indictments against five more of her accused assailants were imminent.

"One of the problems we had worried about, a small focus on pneumonia in the right lower lung, developed," Dr Robert Kurtz, assistant chief of surgery at Metropolitan Hospital, told reporters. As a precaution, the Wall Street investment banker was put back on a respirator late Wednesday after one day of breathing on her own.

"What worries us is that for anyone in the intensive care unit—however stable we call them—when they are in critical condition, their life hangs by a

thread," Kurtz said.

The 28-year-old jogger has remained in a coma since she was rushed to the hospital following the savage gang rape in moonlit Central Park on April 19.

A grand jury handed up sealed indictments against two suspects Wednesday, Raymond Santana, 14, and Yusef Salaam, 15, and was expected to return indictments against five others yesterday, a law enforcement source said.

The last of the eight accused rapists, Kevin Richardson, 14, and a ninth youth, Jermain Robinson, 15, accused of beating and robbing a male jogger, were expected to be indicted today.

Linares on bail

Father pulls son off life support

CHICAGO, April 28, (Agencies): A father who pulled his comatose 16-month-old son from a hospital life support system at gunpoint pleaded guilty to murder yesterday in a courtroom packed with friends and relatives.

Rudy Linares, 23, was arrested on Wednesday at the paediatric intensive care unit of Rush-Presbyterian-St Luke's Medical Centre, where his son, Samuel, had been treated.

The judge granted Linares freedom on a \$75,000 bond but ordered a psychiatric examination.

The boy had suffered severe brain damage last August after swallowing a balloon at a birthday party for one of Linares' two other children.

Neighbours said Linares had become distraught over his son's irreversible condition and had disconnected the life support system from the infant once before, although nurses had arrived in time to revive the child.

On Wednesday, the tearful Linares held authorities at bay for several minutes before surrendering peacefully after checking for his son's heartbeat with a stethoscope. He said later, "I did it because I love my son and my wife."

Cook county state's attorney Cecil Partee, who filed the murder charge, seemed to empathize with Linares' decision to remove the comatose child from a respirator.

Although Partee defended his office's decision to prosecute Linares, he called it a difficult case. He said the action was necessary because "we must be reasonable and say under no circumstances can someone go in and do that."

"We must be consistent," Partee said. "There are certainly many avenues to bring about a compassionate court."

Neighbours described Linares, his wife Tamara, 21, and three children as an ideal family, and promised to testify on Linares' behalf if the case goes to trial.



Linares: pleads not guilty



Ball: only one 'Lucy' (inset)

Ball, 77, is dead

Millions pay tribute

LOS ANGELES, April 28, (Agencies): Millions of fans mourned the death of Lucille Ball, whose slapstick antics in "I Love Lucy" made her the first lady of world television comedy. She died suddenly on Wednesday while fighting to recover from a seven-hour open heart operation. She was 77.

Ball, taken to hospital by her second husband, Gary Morton, eight days ago, was making an excellent recovery and her family and thousands of fans who had sent her get-well cards were expecting her to be released from hospital soon.

"She died of a sudden and unexpected cardiac arrest," the spokesman at Cedars Sinai Medical Centre, Ron Wise, said. "The attack came without warning."

Doctors and nurses rushed to her bedside in an intensive care unit and began immediate revival treatment. But there was nothing they could do.

The actress, whose slapstick activities as the dizzy housewife Lucy in "I Love Lucy" and two sequel series made her a star in 79 countries, had been in ill health for several years and had a slight heart attack last May.

Morton and her children, Lucie and Desi Arnaz Jr, spent hours by her bedside watching her recover from surgery, the operation to close a giant tear in her aorta.

Ball made her last public appearance just under a month ago when she appeared with Bob Hope at the Hollywood Oscar awards show.

She had appeared in 54 films, many of them second features, when she switched to television and starred opposite her first husband, Desi Arnaz, in "I Love Lucy" in the 1950s. The series made her the world's first major television comedienne and put her into television's history books.

She followed the series with two hit sequels, "The Lucy Show" and "Here's Lucy."

Flags flew at half staff on Los Angeles City building yesterday in memory of Ball.

A spokesman for her production company said the family would have a very private funeral service.

"That was Lucy's request—that there not be a formal funeral as such," he said.

Film and television stars, some close to tears, joined President Bush and thousands of fans in paying tribute to "Lucy."

Bush said the star left a legacy of laughter that spanned the generations.

"Lucille Ball possessed the gift of laughter. But she also embodied an even greater treasure—the gift of love," Bush said in a statement.

Former president Reagan and his wife, Nancy, said: "Her red hair, her antics on the screen, her timing and her zest for life made her an American institution. Just the mention of her name brings a smile."

Cyanide fumes killed victims of London fire

LONDON, April 28, (Reuters): Many of the 31 people who died in a fire at London's busiest underground railway station were killed by cyanide fumes from glass paint in an escalator shaft, an expert said on Wednesday.

Toxicologist Dr Patrick Toseland said 17 of the victims he examined after the 1987 disaster at King's Cross station had inhaled cyanide, which kills within minutes.

But he said it would be misleading to suggest the death toll could have been much lower but for the paint fumes.

Toseland was commenting on a report in the Times newspaper which said at least 23 people died from cyanide poisoning, several only seconds away from staircases out of the fume-filled station.

It said the fumes came from an anti-graffiti gloss paint on the ceiling above the wooden escalator where the fire began.

Toseland told Reuters he had not been aware of the paint in the escalator shaft but this would explain why a number of people in the station ticket hall died from cyanide poisoning before being burned.

"Some people died from carbon monoxide and cyanide because they were breathing both at the same time. It's simply that they died quicker from cyanide than carbon monoxide," he said.

"They would probably have died from burns or from carbon monoxide instead of cyanide."

Largest jackpot

14 brick makers win record \$100m lottery

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 28, (Reuters): Fourteen brick factory workers claimed yesterday to have won the record \$100 million Pennsylvania lottery, but millions of other bettors crumpled up their tickets and their dreams.

George Andersen, deputy director of the state's lottery, said the 14 factory workers were en route to Harrisburg from the neighbouring state of Ohio to certify their victory.

He said their ticket would be received but there would be no validation until computers had completed scanning all 87 million tickets bought for Wednesday night's drawing to see if anyone else would share in the prize.

Lottery officials said the winning workers were a foreman and 13 press mechanics from an Ohio brick factory.

A nation of bettors focused their attention on Pennsylvania this week as the state's lottery jackpot totalled more than \$100 million after four weeks of failure to find a winner. It was the largest jackpot for a single lottery drawing both in the United States and around the world, lottery experts said.

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US-based scientists publish details of test tube nuclear fusion

LONDON, April 28, (Reuters): A group of US-based scientists published details yesterday of how they achieved nuclear fusion at room temperature and said it may eventually lead to a new source of energy.

Professor Stephen Jones of Brigham Young University, Utah, and colleagues there and at

the University of Arizona said they had achieved fusion in laboratory experiments—copying the nuclear reaction which takes place at the sun's core.

Scientists throughout the world have been racing to follow up experiments last month reported to have produced fusion at room temperature for the first time, opening the prospect of a cheap new energy source for the 21st century.

"Although the fusion rates observed so far are small, the discovery of cold nuclear fusion in condensed matter opens the possibility, at least, of a new path to fusion energy," Jones and his team wrote in the science journal Nature.

But the amount of energy produced was much less than that claimed by Briton Martin Fleischmann and American Stanley Pons, who last month startled scientists by claiming to have carried out fusion at room temperature. Nature said.

Scientists are generally sceptical about producing nuclear

fusion in a test tube. Few researchers trying to replicate the experiment have come up with any hard proof.

A spokesman at Britain's Harwell Laboratories, where scientists are trying to repeat the Fleischmann-Pons experiment, said nothing had yet been observed and they remained very sceptical.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

Hefner to marry playmate

LOS ANGELES, April 28, (Reuters): Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner, who used to call marriage "the death of hope," will wed 1989 playmate of the year Kymberly Conrad on July 1, a spokesman said on Wednesday.

The ceremony will be on the grounds of the luxurious Playboy mansion in Los Angeles where Hefner, 62, proposed to Conrad, 26, last summer. "I didn't believe that Hef would get married," the future bride said at the time.

Fasten seat belts or get fined

ROME, April 28, (AP): Drivers and passengers in this car-mad country will have to use seat belts and keep youngsters in the back seat, the government says.

A communique from Premier Ciriaco de Mita's office Monday said people who fail to wear seat belts will be subject to fines ranging from 12,000 to 50,000 lire (\$9 to \$37).

The regulations, became effective yesterday, do not apply to pregnant women. The new rules also require babies and toddlers to be in car seats and relegate children up to the age of 12 to the back seat.

The regulations were drawn up by the ministries of the interior, public works, transport and health.

Lawyer ordered to pay \$100,000

MACON, Georgia, April 28, (AP): A judge ordered a lawyer to pay more than \$100,000 to a man who remarried erroneously believing his divorce was final.

Alvin C. McDougald, 34, apparently never filed the divorce petition of Bobby Eugene Wood.

Judge Bryant Culpepper said McDougald's actions had been "fraudulent" and were "intentional, willful, wanton and were taken without regard to the consequences" to Wood.

Culpepper on Monday ordered McDougald to pay Wood \$50,000 in punitive damages, \$50,000 to compensate Wood for mental suffering and \$2,875 in actual damages.

Elvis Presley's house for sale

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, April 28, (AP): A man who owns a house in which Elvis Presley and his parents once lived wants someone to buy it and move it off its lot by May 1, but he wants the work done "with love and care."

Presley and his parents lived in the small brick house from mid-1955 until May 1956, said David Isom.

Isom said Sunday he wants to sell the home for \$45,000 or more and remove it. An auto parts store is to be built on the property.

"If this was Elvis week, somebody would show up and buy it piece by piece and reassemble it at home," Isom said.

Isom installed a sign in the front yard proclaiming: "Elvis Presley lived here—1955-56—house for sale—move with love and care."

Car tears through bedroom

KINGSTON, Massachusetts, April 28, (AP): A sports car crashed into a house and tore through a bedroom but missed the couple sleeping there.

The car left the street, ran up a small embankment and hurtled through the air. It glanced off a pickup truck parked outside, crashed through the house and landed in a yard next door.

"All I heard was a big explosion and glass smashing and the wall came in and fell on me," said Ronald Viator, the owner of the house. "If they hadn't hit my pickup, they would have come through the wall and landed on top of my wife and me."

The driver of the car was taken to a local hospital with cuts and bruises and released. A passenger suffered a broken breastbone.

Spielberg, Irving divorce amicably

LOS ANGELES, April 28, (AP): Director Steven Spielberg and actress Amy Irving have agreed amicably to end their marriage after 3 1/2 years.

"Our mutual decision, however difficult, has been made in the spirit of caring. And our friendship remains both personal and professional," the couple said in a statement issued by publicist Robert G. Friedman.

"We have decided to make this statement public in order to protect the privacy of our family, which is of great importance to us," it said.

Eastwood denies allegations

Locke...d in a battle

LOS ANGELES, April 28, (Reuters): Tough-guy actor Clint Eastwood, normally a man of action rather than words, spoke yesterday against the allegations of former lover Sondra Locke, who has accused him of persuading her to have abortions.

"I am deeply disappointed and saddened that she's taken this kind of action," Hollywood's "Dirty Harry" said in a statement.

"It will soon come to light that these accusations are unfounded and without merit. This matter will be dealt with in an appropriate legal arena," Eastwood added.

Locke, an actress who was Eastwood's live-in lover for 11 years, filed a "patrimony" suit on Wednesday alleging Eastwood, 58, changed the locks on a home he had bought for her in the exclusive Los Angeles community of Bel-Air.

The court papers alleged he removed her clothes, pet parrot "Putty" and other possessions.

"As a result plaintiff has been forced to stay with friends and to borrow clothing," the complaint said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier's audiences

KUWAIT, April 28, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah received at his diwan in Bayan Palace Wednesday Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, Minister of Electricity and Water Dr. Hmoud Al Rashed and Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti.

His Highness also received the Governor of Ahmadi Sheikh Ali Sabah Al Salem, Board Chairman and Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij, Director of the Military Authority at the National Guard Brigadier Khaled Boodai and head of the Legal Advice and Legislation Dr. Abdul Rasoul Al Abdul Redha.

Sabah meets

TUNIS, April 28, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed received at his residence here yesterday Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal and Omani Foreign Affairs Minister Yousef Bin Alawi Abdullah.

Water for pilgrims

RIYADH, April 28, (KUNA): Water flowing from the \$1.5-billion Taif-Makkah power and desalination plant will supply drinking water to more than a million hajis (pilgrims), as the 1989 pilgrimage season comes nearer.

The Jeddah-based Saudi Gazette said yesterday the power plant, the second largest in the western region, is one of the most sophisticated desalination plants of its kind, and nearly 3,000 engineers and workers were involved to complete the project on time for last year's Haj.

The Makkah-Taif pipeline goes through a 13-km-long tunnel cutting through the rugged Taif mountains. The tunnel is considered to be one of the longest in the Middle East.

The project which was officially inaugurated last year consists of five power station units with an output of 65 megawatt each and ten desalination units with a total output of 40 million gallons of distilled water per day.

Herbal treatment

MANAMA, April 28, (GNA): Bahrain's assistant under-secretary for public health affairs Dr. Ibrahim Yaqoub has expressed his government's willingness to introduce the "conventional popular medical treatment programme" into its treatment programme with foolproof restraints to prevent complications.

He said that Bahrain was awaiting the outcome of studies currently under way at the World Health Organisation to establish the efficacy of popular treatment methods, in co-ordination with East Mediterranean countries.

Dr. Yaqoub said there were a total of eight countries in the world which used herbs as part of their treatment methods, and that all medical facilities using herbal treatment were practicing under tight official supervision.

Energy courses

LONDON, April 28, (GNA): Reading University in England is offering courses leading to a degree in the field of alternative energy resources in the Third World countries, in which students are taught ways of developing energy resources for their countries.

According to a university source, a Bahraini student is currently conducting a study on the use of wind as an alternative energy source which poses no hazards to television transmission and is cost-effective.

27 arrested for alleged eve-teasing

Special vice-squad hauls in suspects

SALHIYA police station security personnel on Wednesday night arrested about 27 young men for alleged eve-teasing, loitering and moving about in a suspicious manner at Mubarakia market in the city.

In a pre-planned operation, security personnel quickly hauled the accused to buses belonging to the special vice-squads recently formed for this purpose by the capital govern-

norate. The operation resulted from numerous complaints lodged by people at the police station asking for protection from such unruly hooligans. The complaints were in a large part submitted by girls and their families. The complaints stated that during Ramadan shopping at nights in preparation for the Eid Al Fitr next week, they were harassed by these antisocial elements in the

form of "irresponsible bad and suggestive words and gestures." Others alleged that they had been personally manhandled.

Anti-social

Among those arrested, were 16 youngsters ranging in ages from 16 to 25 years in addition to 11 pedlars selling juices and coffee in the market.

All those arrested will be referred to the capital govern-

norate for investigation.

The Special Vice Squad was formed a few months ago for the specific purpose of monitoring and apprehending eve-teasers and those who are deemed to be described as anti-social elements in Kuwait.

The squad is comprised of dedicated officers and personnel who are determined in their efforts to effectively eradicate all

such forms of unruly behaviour and contribute to the sense of well-being and safety of all citizens and expatriates, a vice squad official said.

The official urged all citizens and expatriates not to hesitate in coming forward and lodging complaints whenever they are confronted by such episodes. Immediate and proper remedial actions will be instituted, the official said.

No fissures or cracks
KAC jumbos
safe: Mishari

THERE is world-wide concern about the emergence of fissures and cracks in the fuselage of the jumbo jet 747 passenger aeroplanes, which are attributed to ageing.

The chairman of the board of the Kuwait Airways Corporation (KAC) Ahmad Al Mishari, interviewed on this subject by a local daily, said that the four KAC 747 jumbo jet aeroplanes were fairly new and suffered no such problem.

KAC planes are regularly maintained and tested to ensure that they are in good working condition. Three of the KAC jumbo jets were due for technical testing in August 1990, while the fourth which is newest in the fleet would undergo technical testing after 1991, he said.

Safety assurance
He reaffirmed that the company is extremely keen on protecting the welfare of its passengers and ensuring their safety, and that for this purpose all KAC fleet of planes were regularly subjected to intensive technical testing and maintenance.

The Boeing Company is planning to introduce a few design alterations into the bodies of its four jumbo jets, and that this job would take from 50 to 60 days. Work entails installation of new power-operated furniture and seats, replace existing kitchen and convenience facilities, as well as ceiling pads and luggage lockers, and interior walls, Mishari said.

He added that the pilot's cabin would be expanded and developed, and a new wind-shear system, a sophisticated anti-collision early detection system (TCAS) would be fitted into the machinery of planes.

He also said that the Boeing

manufacturers would, as agreed, provide the other companies with new technical equipment and contribute to funding the design alterations at differing percentages.

Summer rush
Meanwhile, the director general of the KAC Ahmad Faisal Al Zaban has said that the KAC is currently preparing to face up to the summer season exodus of citizens and expatriates.

KAC's plan in this respect included additional staffing of its main ticketing offices, provision of further passenger services, and reduction of red-tape procedure and time-consuming routine formalities.

KAC would be operating a total of 466 additional flights starting May 1, until mid September, 42 flights of which would be operational throughout the Eid, Zaban said.

KAC had also allocated a special office at Hilali Street to attend to the needs of pilgrims to Makkah, and that reservations to the holy lands would be given as of May 15. There had been an agreement reached between KAC and the Saudia airlines to fix the price per return ticket to the holy land at KD113, which is the same price as last year, the official said.

He added that two airlines would be operational on the Kuwait-Saudi Arabia route with a total capacity of 5000 pilgrims, and that the Saudi airlines would operate 14 one-way flight from Kuwait to Arabia at 3600 passenger capacity.

KAC would also operate 14 flights to Jeddah at 3600 passenger capacity, while the Saudi airlines would operate a few air-planes between Kuwait and Madina, Zaban said.

14 striking Indian
workers absconding

Fathima Ahmed

Arab Times staff

FOURTEEN of the 900 Indian wageless workers are absconding, according to reliable sources. The group of 14 labourers did not show up during the repatriation of the 900 Indians which took place from April 22 to April 26 on special flights and in batches of between 100 and 400. The last batch of 95 Indian workers was repatriated on Wednesday.

Only 17 of the workers from this group did not go back. Three Indians are undergoing treatment for chickenpox at a local hospital; 14 others are missing.

The repatriation was organised by Kuwait's Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and the Indian embassy in co-operation with Air-India. Indian relief committee workers also volunteered assistance and distributed KD 2,000 among the workers.

The workers were paid a salary of between 45 days and two months each plus an air ticket home.

The Ministry of Interior has been requested to trace the missing labourers, sources said. The absconders, face one month to six months imprisonment followed by deportation.

"The labourers have violated Kuwait's law, and as such they may be jailed for doing so," sources said. They face one to six months imprisonment, followed by deportation.

Sources said the departing Indian labourers were given "special treatment" at the airport. A press release by the Indian Relief Committee expresses thanks to all the people who enabled the departure of the workers, including Kuwait government, the director of the Ahmadi governorate's labour department, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Indian embassy officials and Air-India.

FAO ambassador

ROME, April 28, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Ambassador to Italy Ahmad Ghaith Abdullah Wednesday presented his credentials to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) as an ambassador of Kuwait.

A ceremony was held at the organisation's headquarters on the occasion during which FAO chief Eduardo Sauma received the Kuwaiti diplomat's papers.



Old Safat market opened

SHEIKH Jaber Abdullah Al Jaber Al Sabah, the Capital's Governor opened the Al Safat Old Market yesterday. In his keynote speech he said: "The square played a significant role for several decades as a centre for social and commercial activities." The ceremony was attended by Homoud Al Shaya, Chairman of Kuwait's Public Utilities Management Company and a number of senior officials and officers of the Capital Governorate.

120 hunting rifles seized

Ban on usage in populated areas

AHMADI security personnel recently seized 120 hunting rifles from hunters who were using them in populated areas in the governorate.

In a press release issued through the Ministry of Interior, public relations department, Brigadier Nasser Al Bader, director of security at Ahmadi Governorate stressed that security agencies in the governorate are keen to prevent hunting with rifles in populated areas. Any violator is liable to have his rifle confiscated, the official said.

Bader was replying to some newspaper columnists who have complained of the dangers involved in hunting in populated areas. Zahed Matar's "Day By Day" on Arab Times and Scysah have repeatedly complained that hunters make it a habit to practice their hobby in the nearby inhabited chalet areas in

the Ahmadi governorate. A local daily last week reported that a group of hunters shot a chalet guard in the eye for preventing them from hunting near a chalet.

Brig. Bader said that the Ahmadi governorate has been always paying great attention to this sensitive matter. It has been co-operating with the public relations department in warning hunters at the beginning of each hunting season against hunting in populated areas. He said that use of hunting rifles is also banned in areas where oil installations are present. Instructions have been issued to policemen and securitymen to ban the use of hunting rifles in populated and sensitive areas. A special team from the governorate's patrol command has been assigned to look after this important issue, particularly in Wafrat farms and chalet areas.

He stressed that efforts to put a complete stop to this practice will continue until no further incidents and complaints take place. But he said that the forces face some difficulties in controlling the situation and stopping hunting in banned areas. He said that among these difficulties is that many hunters use their rifles from their private farms or chalets and thus the forces can't enter such private properties.

Brig. Bader said that the instructions received from the governorate are very clear in being strict in banning hunting in populated areas. He called upon the public to call the police and file complaints if they notice any violation. He also called upon the local press to contribute to enlightening the people, particularly hunters, about the dangers of using rifles in populated areas.

Agricultural authority begins
establishment of new gardens

THE director of gardens and afforestation department of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth Abdul Mohsen Al Gallaf has said that the authority began recently the establishment of new public gardens in Mishref, Bayan, Salwa, Omaniya and Farwaniya.

He added that the authority held several meetings to divide the shared functions with Public Works ministry and municipality. He added that it was agreed to transfer all beautification projects to the authority such as the projects at the motorways and the new gardens and those in Bayan Palace.

A number of similar projects under study will be referred to the authority such as the national parks, suburbs and projects of developing present gardens as well as studies on using treated sewage water in irrigation, he said.

Gallaf pointed out that the authority has carried out a number of projects to develop some fountains in different areas.

Some of them were completed and began working. The department invited local companies for five tenders to maintain and beautify agricultural projects that cover 60 per cent of these projects between the 5th Ring Road and the 1st Ring Road and from Arab Gulf Street and Airport Road.

The authority allocated a budget of KD2 million for these projects for two years. The authority contracts local specialised companies. The authority received beautification projects at the motorways from Public Works Ministry from the beginning of this month. The authority has a project to develop afforestation areas and maintain them.

He added that the authority invited local companies for establishing a central nursery to provide different agricultural projects of the authority with plants and trees. It also has a plan to build another nursery in Shidiya area to finance the present afforestation projects, he said.

Islamic charity
Aid by
Kuwaitis
lauded

THE chairman of the International Islamic Charitable Organisation Yousef Jassem Al Hajji has lauded the sincere co-operation extended to the organisation by citizens and residents in Kuwait.

This co-operation is directed at protecting the various interests of Muslims, support their religious cause, and assist in eradicating illiteracy, disease, and joblessness, as well as protect them from the influence of foreign missionaries who seek to convert them by taking advantage of their situation.

With such popular support, the organisation received added momentum to further carry out all its various charity and Islamic projects, which includes the construction of mosques, hospitals, industrial workshops, schools, clinics, wells and to fund land reclamation, construction of Quran recital centres and provide education and homes for the uneducated and the homeless.

The organisation had begun to fund the spread of its various branch offices in various countries, to ensure that all Muslims would benefit from the services offered.

The new monthly pay-out donation system had been a tremendous success and that all money donated was used to fund the organisation's various Islamic projects and to support our Muslim brothers in Palestine, Lebanon, Afghanistan and other afflicted Muslim areas, Hajji said.

Action Line

PLEASE clarify the immigration laws applying to a minor who was born in Kuwait, lived and studied for most of her life in the country. She has a valid passport and residence permit. She is currently studying overseas. Unfortunately she overstayed abroad (that is more than six months). Will she be allowed to enter Kuwait on producing a school certificate. What is the best procedure for her to join the rest of the family.

M. Bashir.

YOU have not mentioned whether you have taken permission from the department of immigration before your daughter went abroad for studies. It is advisable to obtain prior permission to avoid difficulties at a later stage.

If you did not take prior permission, please approach the immigration department and apply for a visa. If she is under 21, she is eligible for a dependant's visa, provided your application meets the requirements of the ministry. If she is over 21, you can still apply for a visit visa. MY daughter is studying abroad. During her last visit to Kuwait, I had obtained a dependant visa for her, which has since expired as she stayed outside Kuwait for more than six months. She will graduate this year, and will return to live with me as a dependant. What is the procedure of getting a dependant's visa.

Golan Mustafa

YOUR daughter is eligible for a dependant visa if she is under 21 years old. If she is above 21, you will have to bring her on a visit visa. Please obtain the visit visa application form, available at the immigration department, fill in the form and have it signed by the sponsor. When you submit the application form, you will have to produce a salary certificate and a photocopy of your Civil ID card. The sponsor must have a valid residence and must submit the application form in person. WHAT is the difference between a Visa No. 18, 20 and 22 and the so-called transferable residence.

A PERSON who enters the country to work is given a Visa No. 18, a work permit. This is a transferable visa, provided the applicant has worked for a sponsor for more than three years.

Visa No. 20 is for domestic employees. A person who enters the country on such a visa will not be able to change his or her job and transfer the sponsorship to another employer. Visa No. 20 is a non-transferable visa. Unless a sponsor agrees to give a release, and is accepted by the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Visa No. 22 is given to the dependants — wife and children. Persons holding dependant visas are not allowed to hold jobs; a dependant visa is given to the families of people who earn a minimum of KD450 in the public sector and KD650 in the private sector. Issuance of such visas is strictly restricted.

I'm employed as a maid. My sponsor is from Sweden. He has made a two-year residence, valid until Nov 29, 1989. But his contract in Kuwait has ended and he will leave the country by the end of June this year.

Please tell me if I must change my residence before my sponsor leaves Kuwait or if I can collect the documents — release letter and other papers — from my employer and apply for a change before my own visa expires in November.

J.B. Dawood

YOUR sponsor's presence is essential to transfer a domestic visa. He must complete the formalities and give you a release before his departure from the country.

MY family went to my country in April 1988 and overstayed. According to the new rules, their visas have become invalid. Now, I want to bring them back on a visit visa or a family visa. Do I have to cancel their old residence?

K. Bahagopal

AN official of the Immigration Department said you don't have to get the old residence cancelled at a Kuwait embassy overseas. The residence is cancelled on arrival at a Kuwaiti port. But you must obtain a new No Objection Certificate (NOC) to bring them here. NOCs are given to people over 21 years old.

I'm working as a staff nurse in one of the hospitals in Kuwait. I would like to bring my two-year-old son, who is alone in my native place. Can I sponsor my child?

Jersey T.M.

AN immigration official said it is possible to bring your child. You will have to submit the necessary documents: an application form, letter of employment, a copy of your Civil ID card and a salary certificate. Your application, he said, will be considered. However, he said, the department reserves the right to accept or reject an application.

A LADY came to Kuwait on her husband's visa in May 1978. In 1979, she joined a private school as a teacher, and her residence was transferred. In case she does not want to renew her contract, can she revert to her husband's sponsorship?

Abdul Karim

It is possible to revert to a husband's sponsorship. But it is not easy to do that. First, her sponsor will have to cancel the visa and obtain a "cancellation" from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. The same ministry must also permit the transfer of residence, which can then be studied by the immigration department.

IF the husband and wife both work for the public sector and meet the required salary margin, can the husband bring his mother on a dependant visa? If yes, what is the procedure?

P.C.

WE regret to inform you that you can't bring your mother on a dependant visa, which is given only to the wife and children. If you do want to call your mother, you can try to get a visit visa, which is valid for a month. I AM a government employee and have had a part-time job for 13 years with a private firm with formal permission from my original employer. Could you tell me what are my leave and leave-salary entitlement from the part-time employer?

K. Varghese

THEY are the same as those offered by your full time employer i.e. a minimum of 14 days holiday per annum for the first five years of service which rises to 21 days after five completed years of service, unless your contract specifies a longer holiday entitlement. The holidays are in addition to the nine statutory or official holidays in any one year. You are entitled to a full pay while on holiday. If you have not taken holiday for all or some of the 13 years you can still claim it but you have to agree with your employer on whether to take time off or be paid instead.

I AM an expatriate who entered Kuwait on a domestic visa in February 1986. I got married in Kuwait in late 1987. My husband has worked for the Ministry of Electricity and Water since 1981. Can I transfer my residence to my husband's?

D.A.

YOU are not allowed to transfer your residence to your husband's. However, he can apply for a new visa for you provided he meets the salary requirements which is KD450 for government employees and KD600 for those working in the private sector.

I AM a special contract employee at the Ministry of Defence. As per my contract I am entitled to 35-day annual leave. Does this leave exclude Fridays and government holidays? May I get an exit permit to go out of Kuwait during official holidays?

Mohammed Mohsin Ali

YOUR leave does not include Fridays and government holidays and you can add those to your holiday entitlement. Whether you are allowed to leave Kuwait for a weekend or official holiday depends on the nature of your job. You first have to get the approval of your superiors and then consult the legal department at the Ministry of Defence.

IF you have a problem drop in line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or fax your questions on Fax No. 4847493.

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Diwanias play a social role

Spirit of love and friendship

DURING the holy month of Ramadan, diwanias in Kuwait play an important role in increasing friendship and hospitality gestures through social gatherings.

At the Fahad Khalaf Al Allaj Diwaniya in Omaniya, patrons paid their courtesies and congratulations to HH the Amir and the Crown Prince as well as the Kuwait nation and the Islamic world on the occasion of Ramadan, according to a local daily which visited the diwaniya.

Masour Al Allaj, one of the diwaniya's constant guests said that diwanias play an essential role during the month of Ramadan. It is an old tradition

and snows strong ties between families in Kuwait, he added.

Allaj said that Ramadan is different from other months and that meetings and gatherings increase at diwanias. He added that Ramadan is a good opportunity to unite the family and exchange family visits with each other.

Naser Al Rwaia, one of the patrons says that diwanias visits during Ramadan differ from those of ordinary days. In Ramadan, patrons stay in the diwaniya until early morning hours.

He added that exchanging visits leads to better and stronger social ties in society and also creates new social ties with diwaniya patrons.

Tehran names 20 detained for spying

ATHENS, April 28, (Agencies): Iran has named seven military officers and 13 civilians, including two clerics and a "pseudo-theologian," among those arrested recently on charges of spying for the United States.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency quoted Information Minister Mohammad Mohammadi-Reyshahri as saying one brigadier, three colonels, two captains (apparently naval) and one commodore were among the military personnel arrested.

Monitored in Athens, IRNA said the civilians included two clerics and a man the news agency identified as a "pseudo-theologian," a term Iran normally uses officially to describe clerics opposed to the government.

Others among the civilians included a Foreign Ministry official, an expert in the oil ministry, and an employee in the Shiraz Petrochemical Complex. All were apparently Iranians.

Reyshahri said the alleged spies were linked to the headquarters of the US Central Intelligence Agency in Wiesbaden, on the outskirts of Frankfurt, West Germany.

Aware
IRNA said "West Germany and one of Iran's neighbours" co-operated with the CIA. The minister did not identify the neighbour but said "the CIA agents used to go to West Germany via that country."

Iran became aware of the "network of spies" in 1985, but began making arrests only "a few months ago," the minister said.

Reyshahri said Iran had broken up "a highly intricate CIA network," and "two other espionage networks," made up of Iranian opposition groups.

The two opposition groups involved included the Baghdad-based Mujahedeen Khalq Organisation, and others identified as "monarchists".

The minister said the "spy networks" were organised by the United States in an "attempt to infiltrate the Islamic republic system and divert the revolution in the next decades."

Opposition sources outside
Iran said the people being identified as "US spies" tried to stage a coup d'etat by assassinating spiritual and political leader Ayatollah Khomeini, but failed. Reyshahri co-ordinates intelligence as security in Iran and reports directly to Khomeini.

The minister "identified the ringleader of one of the two (opposition) networks as Masoud Balvand but declined to elaborate for the time being," IRNA said.

The CIA's "failure to train and dispatch mercenaries to Iran forced it to hunt and invest on various hirelings inside the country in order to carry (out) its dirty work," IRNA quoted Reyshahri as saying.

Washington last week denied it had spies working in Iran. "We don't know what they are talking about," White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

Purposes
Reyshahri said: "The CIA had recruited its hirelings mainly from among those Iranians calling at US embassies abroad for various purposes such as visit visas to America."

He said the CIA "carried out acts of terrorism and sabotage in Islamic Iran including assassination of high-ranking officials."

The United States "must be sued for its involvement in creating spy cells and field squads in the military, thus violating the Algiers accord" on non-interference in Iran's internal affairs, the minister said.

The West German Foreign Affairs Ministry yesterday summoned the Iranian ambassador in Bonn, and officially rejected an Iranian claim the Bonn government was involved in an alleged CIA-backed spy ring in Iran.

A foreign affairs spokesman said the authorities told the envoy, Mihdi Ahari Mostafavi, the Bonn government "strongly rejected the indefensible claims."

Iranian Prime Minister Mir Hossein Mousavi said yesterday he is not planning to run in the presidential election due in August, when President Ali Khamenei's second term in office expires.

The official Iranian news agency said the prime minister, who was earlier expected to run against Parliament Speaker Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, "gave a negative response" in an interview, when asked if he would run for president.

Iran is believed to have detained one of 18 Britons it has ordered to leave the country, Britain said yesterday.

A foreign office spokesman said John Bowden, a British businessman married to an Iranian, was thought to be held in connection with fraud allegations.



Protest march

HUNDREDS of Afghan refugees staged a protest march in New Delhi and burned an effigy of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on Thursday, the 11th anniversary of the Marxist revolution in Afghanistan.

The demonstrators, who support the Muslim rebels fighting Afghan government troops, waved banners and shouted slogans against the Soviet Union and President Najib's Moscow-backed

government. Many wore arm-bands and scarves in green, the colour of Islam.

"Long live Afghanistan, down with Russia, down with communism," they shouted while marching to laws near parliament.

Picture shows an Afghan refugee girl leading the march near the Indian Parliament.

(Reuters wirephoto)

Rebels rocket Kabul, 23 killed

US, Soviet Union clash at UN

KABUL, April 28, (Agencies): Muslim rebels marked the 11th anniversary of Afghanistan's Marxist revolution yesterday with a rocket barrage on Kabul that killed 23 people and wounded 60, state television said.

Government officials said all the victims were civilians but hospital sources said three soldiers guarding a barracks in central Kabul had died.

A spokesman for the Jomhuri Hospital told Reuters by telephone that 43 casualties had been admitted, eight of whom had died later.

Kabul television also said security forces discovered explosives in a busy district of the capital, foiling a mujahedeen attempt to cause a major explosion.

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Zia's son to file lawsuit against Lockheed

BAHRAIN, April 28, (Reuters): A son of the late Pakistani President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq said yesterday he would file lawsuits against a US aircraft manufacturer for negligence and Pakistan newspapers for harassment.

Ijaz-ul-Haq said his lawyers would register a billion-dollar lawsuit against the US firm Lockheed in Seattle or Washington within two months in a bid to find the cause of the August 17 crash in which his father was killed.

Ijaz-ul-Haq, who is vice-president of Bank of America in Bahrain, told Reuters he would also sue three government-owned newspapers in Pakistan for what he termed a recent "unsubstantiated campaign against his family."

He said the case against Lockheed — maker of the C-130 that crashed — was an attempt to make the firm reveal the results of an investigation by US and Pakistani authorities, which he alleged was being hushed up.

"My purpose is to sue Lockheed for negligence and then they will have to prove whether it was mechanical failure or sabotage," he told Reuters.

He said he suspected a foreign power, backed by senior officials in Pakistan, was behind the crash in which the Pakistani armed forces chief Akhtar Abdul Rahman Khan and the American ambassador to Pakistan were also killed.

Ijaz-ul-Haq said his lawyers would take legal action against the state-owned Pakistan Times, Morningstar, and Mawaz because of a campaign launched against his family after he announced he was entering politics in Pakistan on March 31.

"Since I joined the Muslim League, the government has gone all out to maligning. There is a character assassination campaign against our family in all the government newspapers," he said.

The newspaper cited secret intelligence reports making the rounds of US government offices here as the source of the story.

Egypt, which was Iraq's main backer in the war against Iran, has purchased Alpha kits from France and assembled the fighter-bomber in a plant south of Cairo. The jet has a top speed of 600 mph (about 1,000 kph).

Diab, all said to be members of the extremist Islamic group.

French intelligence services and police have led a three-year campaign to hunt down the men who masterminded and carried out the wave of 11 attacks against official buildings and shops in March and September 1986.

The attacks, which included bombs thrown into packed department stores, were initially

Uprising leaders reject polls 3 die, 74 injured as violence flares

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 28, (Agencies): A car exploded outside Jerusalem police headquarters today wounding the Palestinian driver who police said may have been trying to plant a booby-trapped car bomb, while Israeli soldiers yesterday shot and killed three Palestinians and wounded 74 others in widespread clashes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Arab reports and hospital officials said.

Witnesses said the car blew up when the man from the Shuafat refugee camp just outside Jerusalem started the ignition.

Police found cooking gas canisters and flammable material in the car, which exploded behind the Russian compound and police headquarters. There were no other casualties or damage.

The spurt of gunshot wounds recorded yesterday by Palestinian hospitals brings to more than 225 the number reported injured in clashes with soldiers this week, but the Army says the number is being inflated for political reasons.

Meanwhile, an aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Israel will not offer an alternative to Shamir's election proposal despite rejection of the plan by prominent Palestinians from the occupied lands.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Israel radio that if Palestinians turn down the peace proposal, Israel must adopt a policy of "a more intense action of putting down first of all the violence."

This, he said, "will bring about, between half a year to a year, acceptance of the political way by elements in the Arab world and, first and foremost, in the territories."

The PLO-backed leadership of the uprising yesterday issued a leaflet rejecting Shamir's election plan, saying it was an attempt to divide the Palestinians and circumvent the PLO.

A day earlier, 83 prominent residents in the occupied lands also rejected it, calling the elections a ploy to end the uprising without giving the Palestinians what they want: an independent state.

Shamir spokesman Yossi Ahimier reacted by saying the prime minister would not offer other proposals. "This is the best programme we can suggest to them," he said.

Shamir's plan calls for elections of local Palestinians to negotiate an interim peace with Israel, then talks later on the final status on the occupied lands.

Of the 154 reported wounded earlier in the week, the Army confirmed only 14.

The Army reported that soldiers yesterday ran into a violent protest in the Askar refugee camp near the West Bank town of Nablus and opened fire, killing one Palestinian.

The victim, Imad Muhammad Harbiel, 20, was shot in the chest, hospital officials said.

In the Gaza Strip, Ali Said Gharabeh, 30, died of a gunshot wound to the chest during a clash with soldiers after prayers at a mosque in Gaza City, hospital officials said.

Also in Gaza, 15-year-old Ashraf Samir Ead was shot in the chest during a protest in the town of Rafah and died en route to the hospital, Arab reporters said.

Of the 72 reported treated in five Arab hospitals yesterday, the Army confirmed eight Palestinians wounded. But it said it did not yet have reports from Gaza, where hospitals listed 60 wounded in more than a half-dozen clashes with soldiers.

Christian bishops in the Holy Land have no choice but to support the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation, Samir Kafry, the Anglican bishop of Jerusalem and the Middle East said today.

Mirage lands

BAGHDAD, April 28, (Reuters): Two French Mirage-2000 combat jets landed at Baghdad airport on Wednesday to participate in an international arms show to open today.

The planes, the first to land in the Iraqi capital, flew 2,400 miles from Istres Air Force base near Marseille, a French wing captain told reporters at Baghdad's Muthanna Airport.

Abu Iyad wants open dialogue Act as a 'bridge,' American Jews told

WASHINGTON, April 28, (Agencies): Senior PLO official Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad) in an interview published here yesterday pleaded with American Jewish leaders to act as a mediation "bridge" between Israel and the PLO.

Also, he vehemently denied reports claiming he still wanted to eliminate Israel despite the acceptance of Israel and renunciation of violence last year by Yasser Arafat, Palestine state President and PLO leader.

Salah Khalaf, moreover, indicated the PLO might accept the "local elections" proposals by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir if they were part of a process that included Israeli military withdrawal from the Arab territories and recognition of Palestinian self-determination.

The "Washington Jewish Week" in publishing the interview it conducted with Khalaf in Tunis, claimed it was the first senior PLO official had ever granted to an American Jewish newspaper.

During the wide-ranging discussion, Abu Iyad said, "we are willing to meet with (American Jews) and have an open dialogue. But we prefer to have it with big, well-known organizations like the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress."

Stressing Fatah's apparent interest in such dialogues, Arafat's right-hand man

repeated the call three times during the lengthy interview, the paper said.

US Secretary of State James Baker told Arab League ambassadors yesterday the United States would not reopen a PLO office in Washington now but suggested this may change in the future, one of the envoys said.

After the meeting, the State Department said Baker told the three-member delegation US dialogue with the PLO that resumed last December after a 13-year gap.

But Clovis Maksoud, the League's ambassador to the United Nations, told reporters: "I am under the impression that he (Baker) does not oppose reopening it, but he wants to have the proper timing, the proper circumstances."

He said the delegation, including envoys from Kuwait and North Yemen, asked that the office be reopened to "enhance" the US-PLO dialogue.

Meanwhile, French President Mitterrand has moved to pacify the powerful French Jewish community, bitterly opposed to his meeting next week with Arafat.

Jewish leader Theo Klein yesterday released the text of a message from Mitterrand in which the President said: "To listen is not to approve."

The President's words, Klein said, were "a positive gesture which we had been awaiting with some impatience."

Nahalin massacre probe Excessive shooting

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 28, (Reuters): An official investigation has determined that Israeli border police fired excessively during a raid on an occupied West Bank village this month in which five Palestinians died, Israel radio reported today.

But the probe concluded there was no intention to perpetrate a massacre as claimed by the villagers of Nahalin, near Bethlehem, the radio said.

A joint Army and border police committee headed by a brigadier general found the paramilitary border police deviated from Army orders on firing at Arab protesters during a pre-dawn search-and-arrest raid in Nahalin on April 13.

Senior officers involved in the raid would be reprimanded. The radio said the regional Army command failed to prepare for the operation or brief border police adequately and certain military officials suffer the consequences.

The investigation found that border police used rubber and plastic bullets and stun grenades before firing 150 rounds of live ammunition at Arab stone-throwers who attacked the raiding party.

Rushdie whisked away from party

LONDON, April 28, (Reuters): Detectives whisked author Salman Rushdie away from a secret university dinner party in Oxford because they feared an attack by Muslim students, a British newspaper reported yesterday.

The Daily Mail said it was the first failure in the heavy security surrounding Rushdie since he went into hiding two months ago after calls for his death by Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Khomeini accused the Indian-born author of blaspheming against Islam in his book "The Satanic Verses."

Rushdie was attending the dinner party hosted by university professors in Oxford, northwest of London, when detectives providing round-the-clock protection spotted Muslim students nearby, the Daily Mail said.

Fearing an attempt on the author's life, they interrupted the party, bundled Rushdie out of a side entrance and drove him away in a bullet-proof police car.

American publishing giant McGraw Hill announced it has ordered its book division in Britain not to participate in next month's Tehran book fair.

Khashoggi awaits US extradition request

BERN, April 28, (UPI): Saudi Arabian arms and business middleman Adnan Khashoggi spent his 10th day in a Swiss cell as "Prisoner 67391" yesterday pending a formal US request for his extradition.

Khashoggi, 53, was arrested in Bern, Switzerland's capital, on April 18 and had the right to appeal directly to the Supreme Court within 10 days for release.

But so far nothing has been heard from Mr Khashoggi or his lawyers and the extradition request also has not arrived from Washington, "a Justice Ministry spokesman said."

After 10 days, a person held provisionally pending extradition hearings can still appeal to the Supreme Court but only with authorisation from the Federal Bureau of Police.

The bureau said last week it would oppose Khashoggi being even temporarily released because of the danger he would leave the country.

The flamboyant entrepreneur, who was also involved in the Iran arms-Contra aid dealings, was arrested in his hotel suite at the request of US authorities and on the basis of a warrant issued in New York. First police photos of Khashoggi were published on Wednesday in several Swiss newspapers.

He had been in Bern for cellular therapy, more popularly known as rejuvenation or anti-ageing injections.

Swiss legal officials as well as American diplomats privately said they believe that Khashoggi's lawyers are trying to arrange for him to go voluntarily to the United States and then be quickly released on bail.

The one-time multi-billionaire is accused in New York of allegedly helping former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda use embezzled funds to make illegal real estate purchases.

An indictment handed down on March 9 also charged Khashoggi with acting as middleman in the sale of valuable paintings allegedly stolen by the Marcoses from the Manila metropolitan museum when they fled in 1986.

One US diplomatic source said Khashoggi would stand a good chance of obtaining bail if he waived extradition procedures and went to New York.

Marcos said his wife are after all the main targets of the indictment, the source pointedly noted.

Swiss officials similarly said they do not think Khashoggi wants to spend a lot of money and possibly months longer in jail by fighting extradition and almost certainly losing.

The United States for its part had 60 days under Swiss law to formally apply for extradition.

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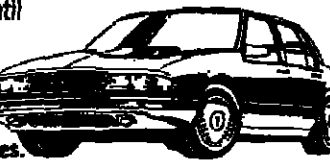
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MONEY is a stupid measure of achievement but unfortunately it is the only universal measure we have — C.P. Steinmetz, German-born electrical engineer (1865-1923).

OPINION

Lebanon on the path of peace

AFTER 15 years of war, destruction and death, comes the first true Arab move towards Lebanon represented in the first Arab proposed truce. The move has been presented in a manner that it must be applied.

It is now difficult to violate this Arab-sponsored truce. What adds depth and credence to this truce is that all the Lebanese support it and have agreed to its terms because all are simply tired of fighting against each other for the benefit of some other parties. Basically, they are tired of fighting proxy wars. They want Lebanon free and independent.

After 15 years of fighting and after Michel Aoun raised his voice reflecting for the first time the opinion of all Lebanese, the free Lebanese opinion has become loud enough to be heard.

Naturally, the crisis has greatly intensified, as also the civil war in Lebanon has intensified, but the crisis is on its way to being solved.

Without this intensification, no one could have believed that the Lebanese are fed up with the war and want a ceasefire and a free and independent Lebanon.

We are not their guardians to instruct them to do what is theirs to do rightfully in their own country. It is not our right to protect one sect against the other in a country like Lebanon — otherwise we should do the same in protecting some sects in India and other countries.

Explaining what is going on in Lebanon on the basis that aims at protecting one sect against the other, is unreasonable and unacceptable. Each sect is capable of defending itself within the framework of a national understanding. Has interference in the Arab countries internal affairs become legal? The decisions arrived at by the Arab six-man committee are truly Lebanese demands. Suffice it to state that all Lebanon welcomes these decisions.

During the last few days the bloody civil war took a new turning point in its brutality — reflecting the size of Arab disputes and many other aspects that enemies of the Arab nations benefit from.

This truce can in the end secure the withdrawal of foreign armies from Lebanon — except if these armies have turned into invading armies that do not want to leave.

The Lebanese have accepted the truce and now let us see if those fighting are truly Lebanese sides or simply Lebanese, but representing foreign interests.

What is now paramount and essential is that Lebanon is put on the path of peace. Those who might think of changing this path, or changing its course will certainly pay an expensive price. This is because they will now be facing all the Arab countries.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

PRESS REVIEW

Amir's humanity

KUWAIT. (KUNA): A Kuwaiti daily has praised H.H. the Amir of Kuwait for his far-sightedness and his concern about humanity and the difficulties it is facing.

Al-Anba daily said in a front page editorial that "no day passes without feeling HH concern about humanity."

"His Highness the Amir felt the suffering of the Lebanese people and from this point Kuwaiti initiatives were launched with the aim of pacifying war-torn Lebanon," the paper said.

"Far more His Highness had directed the sending of emergency aid to the victims of fighting in Lebanon and the provision of medical treatment in Kuwait for the wounded who could not be rescued there," it said.

Al-Anba said this national and humanitarian attitude was not a strange one for everyone knows that there is a big room in the heart of this humanitarian leader for the world's problems which was crystallized in his stand towards foreign debts of the poor countries and his call to alleviate them.

"No doubt that he who gives concern to the problems of poor or sisterly nations is definitely preoccupied with leading his country towards development and progress coupled with serious efforts to end the state of stagnation in the economic sector."

"We are optimistic that the few coming days will witness the easing of the economic problem through honest co-operation between the government and the economic institutions," the paper concluded.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1429 — Joan of Arc enters Orleans, France, and wins victory over English.
- 1628 — Sweden and Denmark sign defence treaty against Duke of Wallenstein, bringing Sweden into the thirty years war.
- 1706 — Electors of Bavaria and Cologne are outlawed by Holy Roman Empire.
- 1781 — French fleet under Admiral Suffren prevents Britain from seizing Cape of Good Hope.
- 1826 — Liberal constitution is promulgated in Portugal for a hereditary monarchy.
- 1848 — Pope Pius IX disassociates himself from Italian National Movement.
- 1859 — Austrian forces cross Sardinian frontier.
- 1918 — Germany's main offensive on Western front in World War I ends.
- 1928 — British ultimatum forces Egypt to provide freedom of public meetings.
- 1945 — US soldiers fighting in Germany liberate 32,000 Nazi victims in concentration camp in Dachau in World War II.
- 1946 — Anglo-US committee advises against partition of Palestine; Former Japanese leaders are indicted in Tokyo as war criminals.
- 1965 — Australia decides to send troops to South Vietnam.
- 1973 — Israel decides to expand civil rights of its 336,000 Arab citizens to reward Israel Arab community for loyalty.
- 1975 — US task force evacuates foreigners and Vietnamese by helicopter from Saigon.
- 1986 — Some Western experts say mishap at Chernobyl nuclear power plant in Soviet Union could be worst civilian nuclear accident ever.
- 1988 — Israeli troops raid two villages in southern Lebanon to search for Arab commandos.

Soul-searching on expenses

Down-to-earth complaints on Soviet space programme

By Andrew Katell

MOSCOW. (AP): Soviets once danced in the streets to celebrate their country's space successes, touted as proof of socialism's superiority. But with chronic shortages of everything from toothpaste to housing, the cheers now are being drowned out by calls to spend the roubles on earth instead.

Once a source of tremendous national pride and a sacred cow, the Soviet space programme has become the latest target of criticism as President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's policy of "glasnost," or openness, unleashes long-suppressed public complaints.

Untold billions of roubles have been spent to put the first satellite in orbit — Sputnik in 1957 — and the first man in space — Yuri Gagarin in 1961 — and to achieve other feats seemingly designed largely for political, not scientific, purposes.

But more than 31 years after the beachball-sized Sputnik circled the globe, Soviet space exploration has not realised the prediction of Russian rocket pioneer Konstantin Tsiolkovsky that harnessing the cosmos would bring "mountains of bread and enormous power."

Soviets began soul-searching about expenses after a series of problems with the space programme that coincided with official pressure to cut a 100-billion-rouble (\$162-billion) budget deficit and burgeoning impatience at shortages of consumer goods.

In part for economic reasons, the orbital platform Mir, the space programme's showcase and designed as the first building block of a permanently manned space station, will have no crew for three months starting Thursday, when three cosmonauts return to earth.

The spending debate is reminiscent of the US public questioning the billions of dollars plowed into the Apollo project in the 1960s and '70s to put men on the moon while some Americans still lived in poverty.

The Soviet controversy spilled into the open early this year in the election campaign for a new parliament that will choose a legislature with budgetary power. Legislators will look at how to erase the red ink, and the space programme is a likely target.

Candidates who suggested the space programme be put on hold for five to seven years received some popular support.

The Kremlin already has reduced outlays for the military — another institution once outside public criticism. Last year, Soviet leaders announced that some defence plants will be converted to produce consumer goods, food and building supplies.

Adding fuel to the space-spending controversy were the November launch of the shuttle Buran, which cost \$10 billion to develop; the loss in September and March of two unmanned Mars probes at a cost of \$500 million; and embarrassing delays caused by technical problems and human error in the landings of the last two crews from Mir.

Opposition also grew when Soviet space officials, hungry for foreign currency, last month chose a Japanese television reporter — not a Soviet — for the first commercial trip to Mir. The price tag was \$11 million.

An angry public has flooded the Soviet press with letters. Articles have examined the space programme's cost and benefits.

"Isn't it too lavish to finance space? Perhaps it pays to stop until we fill the holes (shortages)," 10 readers suggested in a joint letter to the Red Army daily Krasnaya Zvezda.

Defenders of space exploration emphasize the benefits of technology and information transfers to the earth-bound economy. The Tass News Agency recently reported that more than 1.3 billion roubles (\$2 billion) were spent on Soviet space research last year, with economic benefits totalling 2 billion roubles (\$3.2 billion).

Satellites have gathered weather information, extended television and telephone service, aided ship navigation and located mineral and oil deposits, according to articles appearing in state-run media in defence of space research.



Mikhail Gorbachev

But other reports have said industry is not adequately using that information and technology, and have criticised the spendthrift attitude of government agencies involved in space.

"Every agency is pulling a blanket over itself, first and foremost a financial blanket," Pravda said this month. The Communist Party daily blasted the agencies for hiding the costs of space missions, and complained that the timber, agricultural and fish industries are not making extensive use of satellite photos.

Pravda charged that space officials also are "wasting billions of roubles that could go to the national economy" by not using Buran since its maiden flight. No date has been set for the next shuttle mission.

Pravda and other newspapers blame space officials for the loss of public support, saying they spoke only of heroism and successes and hid problems.

"Such propaganda not only did not inspire trust, but conversely alienated people from this sphere and took away their feeling of participation," wrote Vitaly Golovachev, the labour daily Trud's space correspondent.

Space scientist Roald Sagdeyev, who has been elected to the new parliament, has said officials must work hard to save the programme

while acknowledging failures. "We have one very serious task: to restore the people's faith, through glasnost, through truthful information that is honest to the end," he told colleagues recently. "We must show and prove to the people that without space, mankind doesn't have a future."

Some officials admit they have made mistakes, particularly in not doing more to put space research to practical use, and say they envy the United States for successes in that area.

"Our space technology is one of the most advanced. Naturally, if we do it right like the Americans and convert it to other fields, we can receive a big economic effect," said Viktor D. Blagov, Mir's deputy flight director.

Blagov, in a telephone interview, cited US space agency figures that for every dollar invested in the US civilian space programme, nine dollars are returned in technology benefits. Tass says the Soviet return is far less: about 1.5 roubles for every rouble spent.

In an attempt to offset costs, the Soviet space agency Glavkosmos is seeking foreign customers for satellite launching and hoping to sell crystals grown in Mir's zero-gravity for use in electronics, as well as medicines made on the space station.

Bloody events in Georgia show limits of media glasnost

Soviet newspapers, TV play down riots

By Peter Conrad

MOSCOW. (Reuters): Four years after Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev launched his policy of 'glasnost' or openness, its limits have been exposed by the response of Soviet authorities and media to the recent bloody events in Georgia.

Only in the last few days has a full picture begun to emerge in the Soviet press of how troops used shovels and poison gas to crush a nationalist demonstration in the capital, Tbilisi, on April 9, which claimed 20 lives.

It took authorities, two weeks after the events, to lift a ban on visits by foreign journalists to the city — and then just to allow a small group of reporters on an official Soviet foreign ministry trip.

"Not a single central newspaper or television report has given the true picture of events," Lana Gogoberidze, a Georgian film director, told journalists at a packed Moscow showing of a clandestine video film of the events.

This approach, already employed last year during ethnic clashes over the Azerbaijani territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, is typical of the treatment of unrest and

discontent within the Soviet Union by virtually all the country's official media.

While the main television news 'Vremya' is filled with images of violence and death from across the world, Soviet trouble spots are not shown or, as in Georgia's case, the viewer sees people walking peacefully in city streets and factories working normally.

It appears at odds with the policy of 'glasnost' proclaimed by Gorbachev within weeks of taking over the Soviet leadership in March 1985 after decades of secrecy in official reports and newspapers.

"Why are they showing us pictures of the West Bank, why don't they tell us about Tbilisi," asked one young man, sitting in front of his television in the Georgian city Sukhumi on April 9, hours after troops moved into the capital.

Three or four hours after the 4 am incident in Tbilisi, a Reuters correspondent in Sukhumi heard what turned out to be accurate rumours of the numbers of deaths and injuries in the Georgian capital, 400 km (250 miles) to the south-east.

But while central Soviet television continued its usual programmes, the Georgian channel remained silent until the early afternoon when an announcer read a long official statement denouncing extremists and reporting the deaths.

The official Soviet news agency Tass waited 12 hours before giving its version of events, reprinted the following day in the Communist Party daily Pravda.

But even then, the Tass account appeared at odds with those obtained by Western reporters from local residents and with a detailed and apparently more objective version that was to appear in the outspoken weekly Moscow News 10 days later.

Tass said: "Regiments and units of interior ministry troops and soldiers strictly observed instructions about non-use of arms and caution, especially towards women and teenagers."

"But separate extremist groups armed with stones, sticks and metallic objects resisted furiously. Their action caused a crush in the crowd as a result of which 16

people died." With few exceptions, accounts in other Soviet newspapers generally echoed this Tass version. A Georgian youth newspaper which gave a fuller report with pictures from the scene was stopped at the printers by local authorities.

Last week, a different version of events finally appeared in Moscow News and its assertions were backed by the clandestine video film, shown to around 600 journalists.

The Moscow News account was based in part on the testimony of a photographer from the weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta, apparently the only professional press photographer to record the events. His own newspaper did not print it.

The video film showed troops, backed by armoured vehicles, rushing a peaceful candlelit gathering, isolating and trapping small groups and pounding people, many of them women, repeatedly over the heads and bodies with clubs.

Bodies piled up in a mortuary had gaping wounds that could only have been inflicted by a blade, an apparent confir-

mation of reports that troops had used sharpened shovels against them.

The film also showed gas canisters being fired over the crowds and local doctors who said the victims were suffering from the effects of a poisonous gas which causes extreme irritation, pain and paralysis.

Georgian health ministry officials have confirmed that poison gas was used by troops against the demonstrators and local journalists have said at least two of those at the meeting have died of it.

Yet the central Soviet press was slow to pick up the charges and Moscow News said remarks by Georgian Health Minister Irakli Menagarishvili in an interview with Vremya on the use of poison gas and shovels were cut out of the broadcast in Moscow.

Both the area military commander, Igor Rodionov, and the commander of the interior ministry troops, Y. Efimov, denied the use of poison gas. Their comments were reported, unchallenged, in an interview with the Army newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda.

Islamic fundamentalists gaining ground in Egypt

1,500 extremists rounded up

By John Fullerton

ASSIUT, Egypt. (Reuters): Islamic fundamentalists are gaining ground in pro-Western Egypt where a massive crackdown has netted some 1,500 alleged extremists this month.

Activists charting the movement's resurgence say the various fundamentalist groups, ranging from moderates to militants, agree only on their aim — the achievement of an Islamic society in the Arab world's most populous nation.

The groups disagree on method, but are seeing a solid growth.

"Growing? Yes, the Islamic movement is growing," said Muslim Brotherhood member Mohammed Habib, scrawling a graph line which rose sharply across a scrap of paper and culminated in a arrowhead.

The dusty university town of Assiut, 260 km (160 miles) south of Cairo, is one of the movement's several strongholds.

With about 35,000 students, it contains several of the resurgent Islamic trends apparent elsewhere in the Middle East, from moderate reformers to fiery revolutionaries.

"The aim is the same," said Habib. "They all want to establish an Islamic society in Egypt, with Islamic law. But their methods are very different."

Some commentators see widespread discontent over steep food price increases as providing Egypt's Islamic activists with a fertile recruiting ground.

"They've just appropriated the discontent," political analyst Saad Eddin Ibrahim said in an interview.

Because of their different tactics, the challenges the militants pose to government vary widely.

The authorities have rounded up about 1,500 suspected Muslim extremists since a gunbattle between demonstrators and police at a mosque in the oasis town of Fayoum on April 7.

Those detained included Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman, a blind theologian considered by some members of Egypt's outlawed Islamic Jihad organisation as its spiritual and legal mentor.

His arrest led to warnings by the clandestine group that it would take reprisals if any harm came to him in prison.

Islamic Jihad members were responsible for the assassination of President Anwar Sadat in 1981 and many militants are held in jail under emergency laws introduced after Sadat's killing.

Abdel-Rahman was charged and later acquitted of complicity in Sadat's assassination.

Habib said one factor in the growing popularity of Islam as an all-embracing way of life was a failure by successive governments to solve Egypt's economic problems.

"We've had many experiments and experiences in Egypt and they haven't worked very well," he said.

Prominent Cairo scholar Mohammed Abdel Qadoos said people were turning to Islam because socialism and capitalism had failed to satisfy their physical or spiritual needs.

But several analysts regard Islamic Jihad as a security threat rather than offering a political alternative.

"It can make trouble and embarrass the authorities," said Ali Hilal Dessouki, an authority on the Islamic movement.

In contrast, the Muslim Brotherhood, founded in 1928 by Hasan Al Banna, works within the system in order to change it.

Tolerated by the authorities, it now forms the largest opposition group in parliament with about 35 members.

Also working openly are the Jama'at, or Islamic societies. Composed mainly of students, the societies, like the Brotherhood, cultivate a mass following at grassroots level by building a network of social welfare organisations.

Political wrangling may undermine Japan's role

By Alan Wheatley

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): Japan's emerging leadership in global economic affairs may falter as its politicians turn inward to heal wounds caused by Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's resignation, US political analysts said.

In the period while the ruling Liberal Democratic Party regrouped to fight elections in both houses of parliament, foreign initiatives are likely to take a back seat to domestic preoccupations, the analysts said.

Takeshita said on Tuesday he would resign over the country's bribery and influence-peddling scandal, but he indicated he would remain in his post for another month or so until parliament passed a national budget.

You're going to have a series of weak leaders who aren't going to be able to confront the important international issues," Gerald Curtis, director of the East Asian Institute at Columbia University in New York, said.

Japan has been inching towards an economic policy-making role more commensurate with its status as a financial superpower.

Expanded

It has expanded its foreign aid budget, wants more say in the International Monetary Fund and last year put forward bold ideas for tackling Third World

debt that recently found their way into the Bush administration's new debt strategy.

These issues have developed a momentum of their own, but Japan's skilled bureaucrats will eventually be hampered in the absence of firm political leadership, analysts said.

"They can move only so far before they need a political stamp of approval," Randall Henning of the Institute for International Economics, a Washington think tank, said.

William Gleysteen, president of the Japan Society in New York, added: "The progress Japan has made in the past couple of years in working out a niche in the international community is going to slow down. I don't think you'll see a reversal, but it'll be stalled."

None of the experts interviewed expected Takeshita's resignation to have a fundamental impact on US-Japanese relations in either the political or economic spheres.

"It won't change at all how we pursue friendly trade ties with the US," Yoshio Okawara, former Japanese ambassador to the United States, said.

State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler said talks were continuing on the controversial deal for joint US-Japanese production of the new FSX warplane.

"Our relationship with the government of Japan remains unchanged. Japan is a close

ally," Tutwiler said.

But at the very least the upheaval could have a bearing on the decision Washington must make soon whether to put Tokyo on a list of alleged unfair trading partners.

Under the 1988 trade act, the US trade representative must target by May 30 specific "priority" nations that have numerous and pervasive barriers to foreign trade.

Those on the list will be under intense pressure to agree within 18 months to lower barriers and buy American goods.

If no market-opening agreements are reached, the targeted nations will face sanctions, such as 100 per cent tariffs, to match the value of trade allegedly lost by American companies.

Many trade experts expect Japan, which ran a \$55 billion surplus with the United States last year, to be on the list regardless of the political turmoil.

"In my view, the US position on what it does ... should not be governed by what government changes there are elsewhere in the world," said Mike Smith, a former US trade negotiator.

Alan Romberg of the council on foreign relations in New York, agreed the United States should not abandon legitimate concerns but said it should be aware of the risk of a backlash in Japan if it puts too much pressure on an already weakened government.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Inflationary pressures mount

Japan LDP rams through budget

TOKYO, April 28. (Reuters): Japan's ruling party rammed the national budget through the lower house of parliament today in defiance of an opposition boycott that had stalled the bill for nearly two months.

Political analysts said the move would increase pressure on the embattled Liberal Democratic Party and its leader, Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita, who announced his resignation on Tuesday over the country's biggest postwar political scandal.

It was the first time in Japan's parliamentary history that all the opposition parties had boycotted the key plenary session convened to vote on the budget.

The opposition has refused to take part in any budget debates to back demands for a full disclosure of the Recruit donations-for-favours scandal, which has sent the popularity of the LDP plummeting to rock-bottom.

"We truly regret the absence of the opposition parties," said LDP member of parliament Tokuo Yamashita in a pre-

vote speech. "But as the only party with a sense of responsibility towards the people, we have decided to bring the (budget) bill to the vote."

Majority

While the LDP has a majority in both houses of parliament, it had been reluctant until now to use it to force the budget through for fear of causing offence in consensus-minded Japan.

Following Takeshita's resignation announcement, political analysts said the government had nothing more to lose by going ahead unilaterally.

"We cannot accept this outrageous act," Japan Socialist Party leader Takako Doi told reporters. "It is nothing but the LDP trying to hide the truth of the Recruit scandal. They are shameless."

The anti-LDP newspaper Asahi Shimbun denounced the unilateral move as reckless and high-handed and said the party had done it simply to try to put the lid on the Recruit scandal.

"I am really angry, it's outrageous," said one middle-aged office worker

interviewed on television.

"I have always voted for the LDP in the past, but because of this, I will vote for another party next time," said a woman.

Move

A number of younger LDP members also boycotted the session as well to protest the unilateral move, Kyodo News Service said.

Takeshita is due to step down after the budget is safely shepherded through both houses of parliament, now expected by late May.

The budget for the 1989/1990 fiscal year beginning April 1 had been locked in a lower house committee for more than two months in a tug-of-war over opposition demands for testimony by former Premier Yasuhiro Nakasone on his role in the scandal.

Economists today said Japanese inflationary pressures seemed to be building after Tokyo consumer prices jumped 2.6 per cent in April but it was too early to raise interest rates.

"It is better to see more data over the next month before making a decision," said Seiji Nagano, economist for Yasuda Trust and Banking Co. Ltd.

The year-on-year Tokyo area price rise was the highest since October 1985. Compared with the month earlier prices rose 1.4 per cent, the biggest gain since September 1982.

"Evidence is pointing to domestic inflation, but on balance the (central) bank will probably wait a little longer," said David Pike, economist at UBS Phillips and Drew International.

Much of the surge in Tokyo prices was caused by the government's unpopular three per cent consumption tax on services and goods, which took effect from April 1. Monetary authorities are worried the new tax will be used as an excuse for further price rises, economists said.

"Having raised prices once, corporations could slip into a bad habit and raise prices further," said Pike.

"The Bank of Japan is worried about an inflation psychology developing."



Traders reach out hastily around a trading counter of the Tokyo Stock Exchange as shares rose to 33,484.36 at midday on Thursday after earlier rising to a record 33,568.07 on easing political tension (Reuters wirephoto)

Tokyo stocks surge again

Morocco relaxes exchange controls

RABAT, April 28. (Reuters): Morocco has relaxed exchange controls to attract hard currency transfers from a million emigrant workers whose remittances slumped suddenly last year.

In a circular to banks published today, the office des Changes Exchange Bureau said Moroccan residents abroad could in future open convertible foreign currency accounts in Morocco with a minimum of 50,000 dirhams (\$6,000).

The previous minimum was 500,000 dirhams (\$60,000) but bankers said only a few dozen accounts were opened because the minimum was too high.

Transfers from emigrant workers, most of them resident in Europe, slumped by 21 per cent last year to the equivalent of \$1.25 billion, slipping from first to second place behind phosphates as a foreign currency source.

Early this year Finance Minister Mohamed Berrada said he hoped to be able to abolish exchange controls by 1992 if hard currency reserves permitted.

Exchange controls are being gradually relaxed under a liberalisation policy.

Gabon seeks higher OPEC quota, says minister

LIBREVILLE, April 28. (Reuters): The West African state of Gabon is seeking a rise in its OPEC oil export quota to more than 250,000 barrels per day (BPD) from its present 166,000, Oil Minister Julien Mpouho-Epigat said on yesterday.

Increasing production from the new Rabi Kounga offshore field will require an increased quota, he told Reuters.

"We want to go beyond 250,000 BPD," he said.

Output from Rabi Kounga had risen to 954,448 barrels in March from 304,444 in February and 102,106 in January when it came on stream.

The field in southwestern Gabon, jointly operated by Shell Gabon and Elf Gabon, was formally opened last month.

Discovered in 1985, it was the country's biggest find, with recoverable reserves officially estimated at 58 million tonnes.

It currently produces 40,000 BPD, which was expected to rise to 80,000 BPD later this year and to 120,000 by 1990, Mpouho-Epigat said.

Gabon's total output was around its current OPEC quota of 166,000 BPD, he added.

Bush wants more oil drilling

AUSTIN, Texas, April 28. (Reuters): President George Bush returned to his adopted home state of Texas on Wednesday and told lawmakers that drilling for new oil must be increased to cut US dependence on foreign suppliers.

"To reduce our dependence on foreign oil, we must return to high levels of exploratory drilling. I propose to stimulate domestic drilling with tax credits and other incentives," Bush said in remarks prepared for delivery to the state legislature.

Bush, who had a profitable run as a Texas oilman before entering politics, said the environmental damage from last month's Alaskan oil spill — the worst in US history — was not a reason to slow down domestic energy exploration.

"Shutting down our domestic energy production is no answer and would merely increase our dependence on foreign oil," he said.

No stand on output rise

RIYADH, April 28. (Reuters): Six key Gulf Arab oil producers ended talks in Jeddah yesterday without publicly stating their stand on a proposed increase in OPEC's output ceiling.

International traders have been watching the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) talks for any hint of the outcome of next June's OPEC meeting when the organisation will review its ceiling for the second half of 1989.

Saudi Arabia and Nigeria, both founding and influential members of OPEC, earlier said any increase for the rest of 1989 should be divided among all 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

But a statement issued by the six GCC oil ministers just said the meeting discussed co-operation in the field of transporting and distributing natural gas.

Traders were also keen to find out if Riyadh would convince its Gulf allies, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), of the Saudi-Nigerian stand.

Mohammed Barkindo, a special adviser travelling in the kingdom with Nigeria's Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman, said Nigeria was in favour of distributing any increase according to current pro-rata arrangements.

Official regional news agencies earlier reported the talks would focus on studying the extent of the increase in world demand.

OPEC set its quota last November at 18.5 million barrels per day (BPD) for the first half of 1989 and some media reports in the Gulf expected OPEC to raise the ceiling by one million BPD for the second half.

"King Fahd of Saudi Arabia advised OPEC not to 'experiment with oil which is a sensitive commodity...there is no need for taking hasty decisions which will only cause more instability,'" Qatar's Oil Minister, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Khalifa Al Thani, was quoted by the Saudi Press Agency after the meeting as saying that all OPEC states were abiding by their quotas.

His Saudi Arabian counterpart, Hisham Nazer, played down the importance of the GCC meeting and said it was routine.

Accord

The 13 OPEC states, who pumped 19.71 million BPD in March, are due to meet next June to review their current accord and Barkindo said any increase would be decided after close research of market conditions.

The king also stressed OPEC should only raise the ceiling if it found a real demand on the market and without sending prices back down after reaching about \$17 a barrel.

The GCC states hold 40 per cent of the world's oil reserves while their total production is equal to about half that of OPEC and the ministers agreed to meet again on October 15.

The economic and defence alliance, formed in May 1981, also groups OPEC member Qatar with non-OPEC producers Bahrain and Oman.

West's energy industry agonises

LONDON, April 28. (Reuters): The West's energy industry was engaged in a new bout of agonised soul-searching yesterday after a safety scare forced closure of yet another installation and interrupted fuel supplies.

The latest incident was at St Fergus in Scotland where a plant which processes natural gas piped ashore from Britain's North Sea oilfields had to be shut when routine inspection found a fault that, if not fixed, might have posed a safety risk.

Only some seven per cent of Britain's gas supply was cut. But such observers as Tony Blair, energy spokesman of the opposition Labour Party, saw wider significance in the event — latest in a series of petroleum industry upsets that have raised questions over safety, the environment, security of supply and costs.

He fired off a letter to Energy Secretary Cecil Parkinson speaking of "serious alarm at yet another incident of this character in the North Sea."

Last July, 167 men died when a gas explosion wrecked the Piper Alpha offshore oil platform in the British North Sea.

Another gas blast on pumping platform Cormorant Alpha just a week ago shut in a quarter of British oil at least to the end of the first week in May. Last winter, a storage vessel broke from its moorings in a storm, also stopping some British production.

The United States is meanwhile cleaning up after March's Alaskan oil spillage when a tanker owned by the biggest US oil company, Exxon, grounded off the port of Valdez. Supply was temporarily restricted through a major pipeline.

Exxon and the giant Anglo-Dutch Shell jointly own Shell Expro, operators of the St Fergus gas plant and Cormorant Alpha.

Lloyd's List, a specialist London daily, looked in a comment earlier this week for a common thread in the various incidents.

"They could not really be connected, it said, except that they showed how vulnerable Western economies are to energy supply hiccups and also "an alarming dependency on technology."

It also agreed with analysts who say the industry and Western economies may face costs that go beyond lost output, repairs, clean up spills and meeting any claims for damages.

Call to reassess US tax laws on Gulf Americans

WASHINGTON, April 28. (KUNA): American business executives stationed in the Arab Gulf states Thursday said they were telling US congressmen of the harm to US-Arab trade caused by US tax laws for Americans working in the region.

30 members of the "American businessmen of the Gulf Arab states" — a few of the 16,000 now working and living in the region — are involved in a "door knock" campaign here, hoping to convince Congress and the Bush administration to "reassess" the taxation laws.

In the midst of a one-week visit, the businessmen hoped to see a total of some 200 politicians and administration officials.

A few of the delegation members appeared at a special press briefing at the Capitol to discuss their mission. The American media, both local and national, had been blanketed with press releases about the briefing. But the American executives, who had wanted Americans generally to know of their plans, expressed dismay that only reporters from the Arab press attended.

Sull, spokesman David Stockwell, a lawyer and businessman stationed in Dubai, said the view of the American politicians towards the tax laws was more positive than in previous visits to Capitol Hill.

Later, one delegation member, who works for a large aerospace and defence contractor, speculated the Congress' revulsion over Israel's handling of the Palestinian intifada could have contributed to changing attitudes.

Stockwell observed that few Americans knew that their countrymen residing in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states had to pay US income tax.

Competitors

"Our view," Stockwell said, "is that by requiring Americans to pay US income tax, then our other major industrial competitors do not require their citizens to pay tax, it puts Americans at a competitive disadvantage in GCC markets."

"So we're asking our government to take a look at the question of taxation of Americans from the trade perspective — not the revenue or purely tax perspective."

And the group stated that many more Americans would be seeking business opportunities in the Gulf were it not for having to pay taxes for working there.

Stockwell and his contingent also expressed alarm at the massive, apparent shift by the GCC countries away from the US as a defence supplier and towards Europe.

They claimed the Saudi Arabian purchase of some \$45 billion of jet planes and related gear from Britain had a disastrous effect on the US economy and labour pool.

Moreover, the losses were not only from the immediate sales but were increased by the billions of dollars in lost income from service contracts for aircraft and equipment over the years, they noted.

"These recent refusals do nothing to enhance security concerns; in fact just the opposite. And on a trade level they have cost the US enormous trade loss," said Stockwell.

And he added, "so we are asking our government to re-examine or evaluate any future request (from the Arabs) on an impartial basis with a view towards meeting the legitimate concerns of security but at the same time factoring in the trade considerations."

Asked by KUNA which US agencies were responsible for placing American firms at a disadvantage with foreign companies, the delegation was unable to answer specifically.

One observed that when they sought information from the US government on this issue, they faced massive bureaucratic obstacles and the answer that over a dozen agencies were involved in taxation and other "disincentive" matters.

The American business also said they were, on the basis of a

Matsushita helped post-war recovery

TOKYO, April 28. (Reuters): Konomu Matsushita, who died aged 94 on Thursday, was one of the business leaders who helped build Japan from the ashes of World War II into an economic superpower.

He started a company in 1917 that eventually grew into the Matsushita Group, the world's biggest consumer electronics maker under such brand names as Panasonic and National, and Japan's second-largest manufacturer after Toyota.

The group now has more than 190,000 employees and 150 factories world-wide and in 1987-88 had total world-wide sales of nearly five trillion yen (\$38 billion).

The slight, bespectacled Matsushita ran the company himself until his retirement in 1973 at the age of 79 and he was one of Japan's richest men.

A philosopher as well as an industrialist, he wrote more than a dozen books and headed a movement called "Peace and Happiness through Prosperity (PHP)".

"If you believe in principles so firmly that you are willing to make them part of yourself, there is no problem you cannot face and surmount," he once said.

"Think success and you will automatically create circumstances and movements leading to success."

He was self-educated and was forced to start work at the age of nine because of dire family poverty. It is said he sold his wife's kimono to start his own firm.

At the heart of his success was the double-socket plug he invented in 1918 which could be fitted into a lightbulb socket, allowing other appliances to be run off the same source.

His associates describe his business principles as the "water service philosophy" — supplying essential goods abundantly and inexpensively.

He often said that his ultimate purpose was to serve society and at the same time make enough profit to continue the expansion of his business.

"Business expands regardless of depression or boom only by manufacturing quality goods and selling them at moderate prices, taking full responsibility for the products and the marketing methods," he said.

Dollar mixed

LONDON, April 28. (Agencies): The dollar opened mostly lower on the European exchanges today. Gold was down.

In Frankfurt, the dollar opened down at 1.8750 German marks against yesterday's closing 1.8770. It was lower also in Brussels, at 39.40 Belgian francs against 39.42, and in Milan, at 1.373.50 against 1.375.20.

The dollar was higher in Zurich, at 1.6620 Swiss francs against 1.6560, and in Paris, at 6.3465 francs against 6.3450.

In London, the pound began the day up at \$1.6930 against \$1.6918.

Earlier, the dollar closed higher on the Tokyo exchange, at 132.49 yen against 132.05. It was up at the close of trading in Singapore, at 1.9485 Singapore dollars against 1.9445, but fell in Hong Kong, at 7.7795 Hong Kong dollars against 7.7815.

Lower

Gold opened lower in Zurich, at \$381.50 per ounce against \$384.00 per ounce, and in London, at \$381.75 per ounce against \$384.25 per ounce.

Gold was lower also at the close in Hong Kong, at \$381.90 per ounce against \$385.20 per ounce.

Silver was down at the start of trading in Zurich, at \$5.65 per ounce against \$5.75 per ounce, and in London, at \$5.66 per ounce against \$5.77 per ounce.

Tokyo stocks climbed to a record today for the third straight day with investors relieved that pressure on Japan to boost interest rates appeared to have subsided for the time being, brokers said.

The key Nikkei index gained 212.52 points, or 0.63 per cent, to close at 33,713.35. But buyers thinned in the afternoon ahead of the weekend and three days of Japanese holidays at the end of next week.

Buying was sparked early this morning by news that Tokyo consumer prices rose only 2.6 per cent in April from a year earlier, instead of over three per cent as some investors had anticipated, reducing the chances of an interest rate rise.

"The 2.6 per cent rise was within market expectations and gave the market an important psychological boost," said Shoin Yokoyama at Credit Swiss Investment Advisory Co.

SABIC secures firm foothold in caustic soda market

RIYADH, April 28. (OPECNA): The Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) has taken a 15 per cent share of the international caustic soda market which is dominated by Western Europe, the United States, Canada and Japan.

According to the "Riyadh Daily" here, a spokesman for the corporation said that SABIC had been especially effective in selling to the aluminium, paper pulp and detergent industries.

SABIC produces 450,000 tonnes of caustic soda and 410,000 tonnes of its co-product, chlorine, annually at its Saudi petrochemical company chloralkali plant in Jubail.

The official said that all the caustic soda was exported, while the chlorine, which was too volatile to ship, was upgraded into vinyl chloride monomer and polyvinyl chloride.

Abdullah Nejjaidi, president of SABIC's marketing arm, said that the corporation was in a strong geographical position to cater for markets in southeast Asia, the Far East and the Pacific rim.

Production of the products, he said, also called for large amounts of electricity which SABIC was able to generate from Saudi Arabia's abundant supplies of natural gas.

He said he expected international demand for caustic soda to grow by 1.5 to two per cent annually over the next two years before slowing down to one per cent through 1995.

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Bids are invited by the Arabian Oil Company, Ltd, for the supply of the following:

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1. T9-025 Supply contract of Otis completion materials for two (2) years	KD12/-
2. T9-026 Supply contract of Baker completion materials for two (2) years.	KD12/-
3. T9-027 Supply contract of Gray completion materials for two (2) years	KD12/-
4. T9-028 Safety materials and equipments	KD04/-
5. T9-029 Wiping rugs	KD12/-
6. T9-030 Telephone cable testing equipment and accessories	KD04/-
7. T9-031 Power and telephone cables & other electrical materials	KD08/-
8. T9-032 Telephone reporting system	KD08/-
9. T9-033 Spare parts for Hitachi equipments	KD04/-
10. T9-034 Byron Jackson pump spare parts	KD12/-

Kuwaiti and Saudi merchants registered with A.O.C. may draw relevant tender documents from any of the company's offices during work hours as follows:

Kuwait & Dammam Offices:
29-04-89 to 10-06-89

Riyadh Office: 29-04-89 to 03-06-89

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON		LONDON	
(Index Stocks)		(Beta Stocks)	
INDEX	LAST	NAME	CLOSE
FT 300	1750.5	2ND ALLCE	883.0
FT 100	1750.5	600 GROUP	125.0
FT 200	1750.5	A.AMER TS	436.0
FT 300	1750.5	A.B.ELECT	408.0
FT 400	1750.5	A.S.W.HLD	275.0
FT 500	1750.5	AAR KENT	101.0
FT 600	1750.5	AAR HLD	400.0
FT 700	1750.5	AARONSON	112.0
FT 800	1750.5	ADDISON	46.0
FT 900	1750.5	ADVEST	174.0
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FT 1100	1750.5	ALEXON	378.0
FT 1200	1750.5	ALL COLL	139.0
FT 1300	1750.5	ALL IR B	317.0
FT 1400	1750.5	ALL LWD	147.0
FT 1500	1750.5	ALL PART	72.4
FT 1600	1750.5	ALLIANCE	990.0
FT 1700	1750.5	AMBER DAY	53.4
FT 1800	1750.5	AMEC	457.0
FT 1900	1750.5	AMER TST	138.0
FT 2000	1750.5	AMERSHAM	498.0
FT 2100	1750.5	AM HTHC	349.0
FT 2200	1750.5	AMGLA SC	390.0
FT 2300	1750.5	AMGLA TV	272.0
FT 2400	1750.5	ANSBACHER	77.0
FT 2500	1750.5	APPLYARD	182.0
FT 2600	1750.5	APV PLC	148.4
FT 2700	1750.5	ASHLEY LA	101.0
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FT 2900	1750.5	AUST REED	390.0
FT 3000	1750.5	AUTO SECS	276.0
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FT 3200	1750.5	AVIS EUR	418.0
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FT 3600	1750.5	BAILL SHI	94.0
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World Indices

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London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS OPEN STRONG IN FAIRLY ACTIVE TRADE

LONDON, APRIL 28, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE FIRM ACROSS THE BOARD AFTER WALL STREET ENDED 30 POINTS HIGHER YESTERDAY.

ONE TRADER SAID, "PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CAUGHT SHORT OF STOCK. WE FIRST THOUGHT THAT 2,150 (ON THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX) WAS THE UPPER LIMIT AFTER THE MARKET BREACHED 2,100 BUT THERE'S NOT TOO MUCH SELLING AT THE MOMENT." HE ADDED, "IF SELLERS DON'T EMERGE SOON THEN WHO KNOWS HOW FAR THE UPSIDE POTENTIAL MAY REACH."

DEALERS SAID THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF A LARGE BUY-PROGRAMME IN THE MARKET THIS MORNING.

AT 0801 THE FTSE INDEX WAS 19.1 UP AT 2,134.7.

RANK WAS 19P UP AT 982 WITH SPECULATION CONTINUING OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A BID FOR ASSOCIATE XEROX CORP.

DEALERS ALSO NOTED PRESS SPECULATION YESTERDAY THAT RANK WILL SELL ITS HOTEL PORTFOLIO. CONTROL SECURITIES WAS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE CANDIDATE TO TAKE OVER THE HOTELS. CONTROL WAS 1/2P FIRMER AT 62-1/2P THIS MORNING.

CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS WAS 20P WEAKER AT 1.301. ITS 49 PCT OWNED ASSOCIATE MINORCO SAID IT WILL MAINTAIN ITS U.S. ANTI-TRUST ACTION AGAINST MINORCO, CURRENTLY PREVENTED FROM MAKING FURTHER CONS GOLD PURCHASES IN THE U.S. BY A NEW YORK COURT INJUNCTION. MINORCO NOW HAS MORE THAN 50 PCT OF CONS GOLD.

Precious Metals

LONDON, APRIL 28, REUTER - PRECIOUS METALS PRICES WEAKENED ACROSS THE BOARD THIS MORNING IN LONDON, WITH SILVER MARKED DOWN TO THE LOWEST LEVELS SINCE LAURENCE 1987.

SILVER WAS QUOTED AROUND 564 CENTS AN OUNCE, DOWN 13 CENTS FROM LAST NIGHT, ALTHOUGH ACTIVITY WAS COMPARATIVELY LIGHT.

ATTENTION CENTRED ON GOLD, WHICH WAS THREATENING TO BREAK OUT OF ITS RECENT COLL RANGE, DEALERS SAID.

GOLD WAS FIXED AT A 2-1/2 WEEK LOW OF 381.30 DLRS AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM THE OPENING AND PREVIOUS 383.50/384.00. THE FALL IN SILVER OVERNIGHT, WHICH REFLECTED COMEX WEAKNESS, PROMPTED PROFESSIONAL OPERATORS TO TEST THE 380 DLR LEVEL ON GOLD.

London Money Market

LONDON, APRIL 28, REUTER - BRITISH MONEY MARKET RATES WERE FIRMER AROUND 13 PCT IN MID-MORNING, CORRECTING EARLY LOWER LEVELS PROMPTED BY RELIEF AFTER LOWER THAN EXPECTED DOMESTIC CURRENT ACCOUNT STATISTICS ON WEDNESDAY AND JAPANESE CONSUMER PRICES TODAY, DEALERS SAID.

THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK RATE WAS QUOTED AT 13 12-7/8 PCT, UNCHANGED FROM YESTERDAY'S CLOSE BUT 1/16 POINT ABOVE THIS MORNING'S 12-15 1/8 PCT.

"RATES ARE MOVING UP

International Bond Highlights

ZURICH: The coupon on MGS Food Services Inc's 130 mln Swiss franc issue of convertible notes due September 30, 1993 has been set at 1/2 pct. Banca Delta Svizzera Italiana said. (XLCJ 0658)

Mexico City: The Mexican Finance Ministry said it was confident the executive board of the IMF would approve a Philippine request for a 1.2 billion dollar financial package when it meets on May 22. (XLCJ 0641)

Tokyo: A preliminary report by a Finance Ministry study group has recommended sweeping reforms of Japan's securities market, a source said. Japanese banks oppose the proposal, saying it would give brokers an unfair advantage, sources said. (XLCJ 0437)

Paris: The first French government bond denominated in ECU has been a total success with the public and 47 pct of the one billion ECU issue had been subscribed for by private individuals, Finance Minister Pierre Beresford said. (XLCJ 1822)

London: The World Bank approved a 94 mln dollar loan for a natural gas project in Brazil. (XLCJ 1938). It is lending Indonesia 427.5 mln dollars for industrial development and health service improvements. (XLCJ 1848)

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	INDIA	104	103.50	104	MUK IRON	122	122	123.50
ACC	309	310.50	311	GNFC	41.50	40.50	41.75	NAT INDEX	400.24	397.56
ALEM CHEM	---	---	---	GRASIM	132.50	134	135	NIPPON	40	40
ALV NIS	---	---	---	OSCF	143.75	145	146.25	MOCIL	905	920
ARI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ ALKYL	70	71	72	ORRAY	24.50	25.50
ASHOK LEY	84	84	84	GUJ HEAVY	12	12	14	OSUAL AGRO	81.25	80
ASIA PAINT	205	202.50	201.25	HERO HONDA	27	28	27	PEICO	82	80
ATLAS COP	47	47	46	HIND CIBA	1050	1045	1080	PFIZER	75.50	75
AUTO CORP	81	82	83.75	HIND COCOA	110	108.75	108.75	PFIZER	192.50	188
BAJAJ AUTO	438.75	440	441.75	HIND LEVER	82	81.50	82	PROM AUTO	63	62.50
BAR RAYON	490	492.50	485	HIND MOTOR	49.50	48.50	48.75	RANBAXY	116.25	112.50
BK BOND	152.50	150	152.50	HINDALCO	305	307.50	317.50	RAY WOOL	82	81.50
BLOW PLAST	---	---	---	HOCHTIEF	880	880	870	RECKITT	191.25	185
BOM DYE	156	155.50	161	IND ORG	40.50	40.50	40.50	RELIANCE	134	136.50
BSE INDEX	781.24	770.90	770.90	IND RAYON	100	98.50	105	SESA GOA	49.50	48.50
BURR MILK	217.50	210	215	INDRUL	326.50	326.25	323.75	SHRI FIB	82.50	81.25
CAUSABAD	190	195	200	INGERSOLL	365	350	360	SIEMENS	76	76
CEN CEM	2800	2880	2850	ITC	91.50	92	95	SKF	2960	3000
CEN SPK	1900	1980	1900	P-SYH	89	88	87	SPIC	58.50	58
COLGATE	352.50	352.50	352.50	KIN ENGG	188.25	185	185	ST MILLS	320	325
CORAT GR	945	900	940	KIR CUMI	76.25	74	75	TATA CHEN	121	121
DCM	13	12	13	K S PUMPS	385	380	380	TATA OIL	70	68.75
DEEP FERT	30.50	30	30	L AND T	101.50	99.50	103	TATL POM	380	385
DUNLOP	57	50	55	LIPTON	83	81	80	THAI AGRO	870	870
EI HOTELS	70	55	57	MAC RUSSEL	123.50	---	---	---	---	---
ESKORTS	71	68	68	MAC COATS	99	97	99	TISCO	1432	1450
ESKAYEE	140	137.50	140	MAHINDRA	108	109	107	VIA ORG	160	160
ESSAR SPG	24.50	24.24	24.25	MAS SHARE	20	20.75	20.50	VARELI	31.25	30
FOOD SPL	211.25	211.25	209.50	MICO	645	635	645	VOLTA	700	680
FORBES	50.50	49	50	MILKFOOD	260	250	250	VITCO	30	29.50
GAR POLY	76.25	76.25	76.25	MODI	118.75	120	117.50	ZENITH	67	66
GE SHIPPING	45.25	44.75	44.25	MRF LTD	455	445	447.50	ZUARI AGRO	65	60

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AGG	220.5	218.5
ALLIANZ VR	1775.0	1801.0
BADENBERG	190.5	190.0
BASF	301.3	300.0
BAYER	301.0	300.5
BAYER WYP	4100.0	403.0
BAYER VER	403.0	403.0
BBC	445.0	443.0
BHF	470.0	463.0
BKW	513.5	512.0
COMMERZBANK	552.8	551.5
CONTI GUMM	265.5	264.8
DANIER BEN	670.0	674.0
DEUTSCHE BHK	553.5	549.5
DLA	549.5	550.0
DRESDNER & B	325.5	324.1
DT BAROCK	164.5	165.5
FAZ INDEX	378.50	---
FAZ INDEX	360.0	363.5
GLDSCHEIDT	392.0	393.0
HARPER	468.0	463.5
HOECHST AG	301.5	300.5
HOECHST	247.5	245.0
HORTEN	249.0	245.0
HUSSEL HLD	551.5	546.0
KALZ SALZ	198.0	200.0
KARSTADT	480.0	475.0
KALFNOF	465.0	457.0
KLOECK N	168.0	169.0
KLOECK W	168.0	168.0
LINDE	734.0	736.5
LUFTHANSA	166.5	167.0
NAN	283.5	278.0
MANHESMAN	236.0	235.0
MERCEDES	527.0	525.5
METALLURGE	436.8	434.0
NIXDORF PF	302.0	303.0
NORSK HYD	47.70	49.00
PHILIP KON	709.0	709.0
PORSCHE	695.0	695.0
PREUSSAG	271.3	272.0
PWA	294.5	294.2
RHEINMETAL	436.0	433.0
RUE	276.5	275.0
RUE P	241.0	241.5
SALAMANDER	340.0	342.0
SCHERING	638.0	624.5
SEL	321.5	320.0
SIEMENS	533.5	533.0
THYSEN	239.0	239.5
VARTA	375.5	375.0
VEBA	295.0	295.7
VEW	169.5	169.3
VOLKSWAGEN	339.5	338.5

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
BANK EA	16.40	16.10
CATHAY	9.40	9.30
CAVENDISH	402	397
CHEUNG K	10.50	10.30
CHINA L-P	14.50	14.20
DAIRY FARM	710	705
EVERGOLD	2.90	2.87
GT EAGLE	116.05	77.26
H S INDEX	20	20
HAECO	6.25	6.25
HANG LUNG	6.45	6.35
HENDERSON	6.45	6.20
HK BANC	6.25	6.07
HK ELEC	8.05	8.07
HK GAS	21.10	20.40
HK LAND	11.30	5.30
HK TELECOM	5.40	6.00
HK-S HOTEL	6.20	3.40
HOPEWELL	3.45	3.40
HS BANK	25.10	25.20
HUTCHINSON	11.30	11.10
HYMAN DEV	1.65	1.60
JAR MATR	22.70	22.30
JSH	13.20	13.20
KW BUS	8.85	8.75
LAI SUN	168	165
MANDARIN O	9.00	9.05
NITRAMAR	14.10	13.80
NEW WORLD	1.48	1.44
PAUL Y CON	14.50	14.30
SHK PROP	3.15	3.05
STELLUX	21.40	21.20
SWIRE A	5.70	5.35
TAI CHEUNG	1.26	1.26
TVB	11.40	11.10
UNIFR	10.60	10.50
WINDOR	4.97	4.95

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2750	2710
AKAI ELEC	792	775
AKAI	1520	1520
ASAHI GLS	2440	2410
ASAHI OPT	920	924
BANK TOKYO	1650	1630
BRIDGESTON	1610	1570
CANON	1400	1390
CASIO COMP	1550	1530
CHUBAI PHM	1080	1060
CITIZEN W	3330	3260
D-TECH KAM	970	963
DAI NIP K	2300	2300
DAI NIP ST	1100	1040
DAI NIP TO	1010	1000
DAICEL	1140	1160
DAIWA H	2050	2040
DAIWA SEC	2210	2230
EBARA MFG	2080	2090
EISAI	1900	1870
FUJITSU	1420	1410
FUJII BANK	3380	3400
FUJII PHOTO	3440	3390
FUJISAWA	1680	1670
FUJITA CP	2090	2090
HITACHI	1540	1530
HONDA MOT	1850	1850
ISSETAN	2360	2370
ITO YOKADO	3630	3600
JAP SYN RU	1400	1390
JAPAN AIR	16500	16100
JAPAN NET	1170	1190
KAJIMA	2310	2350
KANSAI EL	4510	4320
KAO SOAP	1660	1680
KAWASAKI H	1060	1070
KAWASAKI S	1030	1020
KIRIN BEV	2050	2080
KOMATSU	1360	1370
KUBOTA LTD	1270	1290
KYOCERA	4680	4680
MAKITA EL	1690	1710
MARUI	2800	2810
NATSUTA EL	2320	2320
NATSUTA EL	0	2660
NETJI SEIK	1170	1130
MITSUBI CP	1640	1670
MITSUBI EL	1080	1090
MITSUBI EST	2550	2480
MITSUBI HWY	1120	1120
MITSUBI CO	2160	2150
MITSUBISHI	985	980
NICHICOM	1660	1660
NICHON CHNT	1310	1290
NIKKO SEC	1810	1760
NIP ELEC	1740	1730
NIP KOKKAN	945	945
NIP OIL	1680	1680
NIP STEEL	938	940
NIP YUSEN	1110	1100
NIS TORIN	1520	1510
NOMURA SEC	3400	3340
ORICA CO	1140	1150
OLYMPUS	1310	1260
PENTA OCV	1550	1510
PIONEER	3080	3030
RECON	1090	1070
RICHON	1300	1250
SANKYO	2480	2500
SANYO ELEC	927	926
SEIYU ST	2150	2120
SEIKISU PB	1750	1760
SHARP	1300	1260
SHISEIDO	1740	1730
SONY	6600	6580
SUMITOMO	1380	1360
TAISEI	1820	1800
TAISEI MRN	1340	1330
TAKEDA CH	2350	2350
TEIJIN	925	907
TKO NEW IX	488.52	471.50
TKO MRN	2000	2000
TKO ELEC	1190	1210
TKO GAS	1120	1110
TKO POMR	6070	5970
TORAY IND	1050	1040
TOSHIBA EL	1210	1210
TOTO	2220	2220
TOYO KKOYI	958	948
TOYOTA MOT	2530	2500
YAMAHA	1790	1750
YAMAHACHI	3330	3390
YAMAZAKI	1520	1500

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS RISE TO THIRD STRAIGHT RECORD CLOSE

TOKYO, APRIL 28, REUTER - SHARE PRICES ROSE TO THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT RECORD CLOSE AFTER HOLDING STEADY AT RECORD LEVELS THROUGH MOST OF THE DAY. TURNOVER SLACKENED SOMEWHAT IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND AND OF THREE DAYS OF HOLIDAYS AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK.

THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 212.52 POINTS, OR 0.63 PCT, TO A CLOSING HIGH 33,713.35, JUST AFTER A RECORD TRADING 33,737.67.

THE MAIN FACTOR IN THE BULLISHNESS WAS NEWS EARLY THIS MORNING THAT TOKYO CONSUMER PRICES ROSE 2.6 PCT IN APRIL FROM A YEAR AGO, ON THE LOW SIDE OF EXPECTATIONS, REDUCING CHANCES JAPAN WILL HAVE TO RAISE ITS RECORD LOW 2.5 PCT DISCOUNT RATE.

THE NIKKEI ROSE 65.90 POINTS TO THE PREVIOUS RECORD CLOSE OF 33,500.83 ON THURSDAY, WHEN IT ALSO HIT THE PREVIOUS RECORD TRADING 33,565.07.

THE KEY 225-SHARE INDEX WAS UP 683.54 POINTS, OR 2.07 PCT, IN THE WEEK.

"THE 2.6 PCT RISE WAS WITHIN MARKET EXPECTATIONS AND GAVE IT AN IMPORTANT PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST," SAID SHOTI YOKOYAMA, CHIEF PORTFOLIO MANAGER AT CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT ADVISORY CO. "BUT IT WOULD NOT BE CORRECT TO USE THIS FIGURE ALONE TO JUDGE WHETHER OR NOT THE BANK OF JAPAN WILL RAISE THE DISCOUNT RATE."

INVESTORS WERE ENCOURAGED AFTER WALL STREET PRICES ROSE TO ANOTHER POST-CRASH CLOSING HIGH ON THURSDAY, THEIR FOURTH IN TWO WEEKS, ON THE VIEW THAT U.S. INTEREST RATES MAY HAVE PEAKED FOR NOW.

THE MAIN BUYERS TODAY WERE INDIVIDUALS AND INVESTMENT TRUSTS. PURCHASERS FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF NEW INVESTMENT TRUSTS SET UP THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN THE BACKBONE OF THE MARKET THROUGH THE WEEK. ABOUT HALF OF THESE FUNDS ARE INDEX-LINKED, BROKERS SAID.

INSTITUTIONS WERE MARY OF BUYING AGGRESSIVELY AHEAD OF THE GOLDEN WEEK HOLIDAYS NEXT WEEK.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, APRIL 28, REUTER - SHARE PRICES REBOUNDED ACROSS THE BOARD AFTER THURSDAY'S SHARP FALL AS INVESTORS BECAME LESS WORRIED ABOUT STUDENT UNREST IN CHINA, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 38.77 POINTS, OR 1.26 PCT, TO 3,116.03. THE HONG KONG INDEX ADDED 27.22 TO 2,060.44.

INVESTORS MAY BE LESS SENSITIVE AFTER YESTERDAY'S PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS IN PEKING, BUT MANY PEOPLE WILL REMAIN CAUTIOUS UNTIL AFTER MAY 4 AS MORE MASS STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS ARE EXPECTED IN CHINA'S MAJOR CITIES FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1919 STUDENT UPRISING, A LOCAL BROKER SAID.

AMMAN

As of 26.4.89	OPEN	CLOSE	JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.40	2.41
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	1.82	1.81	JOR PAPER CARDBRDG	3.75	3.60
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.82	1.79	JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.64	3.64
ARAB BANK	146.5	146.7	JOR PIPES MANUFACT	1.85	1.89
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER	4.45	4.44	JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	2.44	2.41	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.40
ARAB INSURANCE	1.09	1.08	JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.85	0.89
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.62	0.62	JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.05	1.01	JOR SELPHO CHEN	2.19	2.13
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.99	1.00	JOR WOOD INDSTRY	2.15	2.12
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.35	2.30	JOR WORSTED MLL	5.00	5.00
ARAB PAPER CON/TRA	0.43	0.43	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.91	0.91
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.06	3.13	JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.99	7.95
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	0.98	0.99	JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.30	2.35
BANK OF JORDAN	15.12	15.12	JORDAN GULF REAL	0.34	0.34
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITNA	1.10	1.10	JORDAN DAIRY	0.88	0.88
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.25	1.23
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	31.00	30.00	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN INSURANCE	3.01	3.02
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.43	0.41	JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.99	1.99
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	2.38	2.38	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.40	1.41
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.72	0.72	JORDAN TANNING	2.05	2.06
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.60	MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	0.79	0.79
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MACH/ENG/RENT/MAIN	1.17	1.11
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25	MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.42	0.40
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10	MIDDLE EAST INS	2.03	2.00
HIMEX MINERALS	0.75	0.75	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.42	1.44	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	2.04	1.94
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.64	0.63	NAT/CABLE/WH/RF	1.97	1.96
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP BAK	1.63	1.65	NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.34	1.40
INDUSTRIAL/CONV/AGR.	1.61	1.61	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.96	0.96
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL PETRO	0.88	0.86
INTERN. COM/INV	0.13	0.13	NATIONAL STEEL	2.90	2.86
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.90	0.90	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA BANK	2.55	2.50
INTERMED/PETRI/CH	1.77	1.75	PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80	PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.10	1.11
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29	PRECAST CONCRETE	0.66	0.67
JUO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.75	19.75	REFRA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	1.90	1.90	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.63	0.63
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	SHIPPING LINES	1.10	1.09
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.45	1.45	SPINNING WEAVING	1.19	1.18
JOR FINEANCE HOUSE	1.16	1.16	THE HOUSING BANK	1.89	1.85
JOR GLASS INDSTRY	0.99	0.99	UNIVERSAL CHEN	1.16	1.16
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.30	UNIVERSAL CHEN. IND	2.28	2.28
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.25	2.27	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
JOR INS AND FUL.	1.20	1.20	WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.30	1.30

Government authorised to withdraw deposits

Egypt seeks funds of Islamic firm abroad

CAIRO, April 28, (Reuters): One of the most controversial Islamic investment funds in Egypt has given the government authorisation to withdraw his deposits from foreign banks, the weekly Al-Mussawwar reported on Wednesday.

Al-Mussawwar said Egypt had approached several governments seeking help to release funds deposited abroad by Ahmed Tawfik Abdel Fattah, former owner of the Al Rayan Group of Islamic Companies.

Funds

The Swiss government had asked for written authorisation to release the funds. Similar demands were made by West German and US banks, Al-Mussawwar reported.

Biggest UK takeover

Minorco claims control of Cons Gold

LONDON, April 28, (Reuters): South African-backed Minorco said on Wednesday it had won control of more than half the share capital of mining conglomerate Consolidated Gold Fields PLC in Britain's biggest corporate takeover battle.

Minorco and Resources Corp Ltd, the Luxembourg-based investment arm of South African businessman Harry Oppenheimer's gold and diamonds empire, said it had at least 54.8 per cent of Cons Gold after its £3.5-billion (\$6 billion) offer closed at luncheon on Wednesday.

"We are naturally pleased at the market's judgment and will now consider very carefully what action to take," Minorco chief executive Sir Michael Edwards said after the result of the offer became clear.

The takeover battle started last September when Minorco launched a £2.9 billion (\$5-billion) bid for the British group. Minorco is still blocked from taking over Cons Gold unless a New York district court judge lifts a temporary injunction obtained by Cons Gold and its US associate Newmont Mining Corp barring the purchase for further shares.

The judge refused on Tuesday to lift the order on grounds a takeover could create a monopoly in the gold mining industry.

A merger with Oppenheimer's interests, which include Anglo-American Corp of South Africa and De Beers Consolidated Mines, would create the world's biggest gold mining group with control of more than 30 per cent of output.

Grow more food plan to cover Kerala too

COCHIN, India, April 28, (Agencies): The government of India is actively considering inclusion of Kerala in the Agricultural Ministry's "grow more food" scheme.

This was stated here last week by Hari Krishna Shastri, Indian minister of state for agriculture research and education, while inaugurating a national conference on tuna fishing.

The minister said the overall development of marine fisheries in the country needed to be relevant to the weaker sections of the coastal population and wanted intensive efforts to exploit the large scale tuna resources available in the exclusive economic zone of the country by involving small scale sector in a big way.

The minister said the industry was shying away from intensive tuna fishing mainly because of the non-availability of suitable vessels, gears and technological information, beside inadequate funds.

Efforts should be made by research organisations in this field to solve these problems, he said.

He said the government of India had decided to set up a Rs two-crore research technology training centre for agriculture and fishing in Kerala's Quilon district. The centre would also give training in processing technology, he said.

Trade imbalances mar world economic outlook: US

WASHINGTON, April 28, (Reuters): The world economy is likely to keep expanding at least into 1990 but sustained growth will depend on success in controlling inflation and reducing trade imbalances, the US treasury said on Thursday.

Although the treasury report played down the threat of a worsening of inflation, it said prospects for bringing world trade into better balance this year were bleak.

"While the external adjustment process is expected to continue in real terms in key countries, further large reductions in major current account imbalances are not anticipated this year," the report, required by Congress under the 1988 trade act, said.

The magazine said Abdel Fattah, in police detention since November 10, gave authorisation on Monday.

Egypt has been seeking the funds in order to pay back tens of thousands of depositors in the Rayan Group, which was seized by the government last November.

The seizure was part of a crackdown to regulate the multi-billion dollar business of more than 100 Islamic investment companies in Egypt.

The government had asked the companies to go public and submit a complete accounting or liquidate. Abdel Fattah failed to meet the deadline.

The firms, rejecting fixed interest rates

as un-Islamic, had attracted billions of dollars in deposits from hundreds of thousands of investors by offering profit shares.

They paid attractive returns of more than 20 per cent compared with a maximum of 13 per cent given by banks. But the government feared they were running dangerous pyramid schemes whereby current accounts were paid from new deposits.

Approval

Al-Mussawwar said foreign banks had notified Egyptian Minister of Justice Farouk Seif al-Nasr of their approval to release the funds. The magazine did not

name the banks or the amount of money involved.

Abdel Fattah is still being interrogated by prosecutors on the financial dealings of his group.

In a separate case, Abdel Fattah was sentenced last month to a total of 23 years in prison on fraud charges filed by nine Egyptians who failed to get back \$137,000 and 78,000 Egyptian pounds (\$32,600) they deposited with the group.

The state prosecutor's office declined comment on the Al-Mussawwar report and a government official said a local ban on media coverage imposed last November remained valid.

Gulf banking is 'back on track'

LONDON, April 28, (KUNA): Gulf banks will build on last year's healthy profits with continued growth this year, predicted an analysis here on Wednesday.

Overall, 33 of 39 Gulf banks which had recently published their 1988 figures had increased profits, said the Middle East Economic Digest (MEED).

The London-based weekly remarked that: "Gulf banking is back on track."

It added: "the improvement is due to a combination of increased revenue, mostly from interest income, and reduced expenses."

MEED noted that interest rates had been felt by banks world-wide, but Gulf banks had "benefited more than most" because of low cost funds.

However, the magazine injected a note of caution into its two-page assessment of banking in the region.

It quoted the National Bank of Kuwait's chief general manager Ibrahim Dabdoub, who told the Union of Arab Bank's conference in Madrid last month that "against the background of an over-banked and, in some cases, overbranched banking system... we shall not be spared the growing spectre of the collapse of occasional small banks within our region."

On Kuwaiti banks, MEED said they showed a "steady growth" in profits and assets.

In the region as a whole the magazine noted that the combined assets of Kuwaiti and Saudi Arabian commercial banks constituted some 70 per cent of total commercial bank assets in the Gulf.

Arab world debt drops

BAHRAIN, April 28, (Reuters): The Arab world's foreign debt fell five per cent to \$171 billion in the first half of 1988, the Bahrain-based Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) said.

About 70 per cent of the drop was due to cuts in the debts of Algeria, Iraq and Morocco.

ABC's March quarterly said. This could be explained in part by a strong dollar relative to currencies in which the debts were denominated, it added.

Egypt to raise interest rates

CAIRO, April 28, (Reuters): Egypt, under pressure from Western creditors to undertake economic reforms, plans to raise domestic interest rates on May 1, Egyptian newspapers reported today.

Such a move would at least partly appease a demand by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for higher interest rates to attract Egyptian savings now held abroad.

Prime Minister Atef Sedki was quoted as saying that Egypt's Central Bank would announce the hike on Monday. It would take effect immediately, the newspapers said.

Deposits

Sedki did not specify the amount of the increase, but Al-Ahram reported it would be between two and four per cent on deposits and one to two per cent on loans. The maximum interest rate on deposits is now about 13 per cent.

Egypt and the IMF are engaged in drawn-out negotiations over a reform package that would allow Egypt stand-by credits and fresh rescheduling with Western creditors.



World Bank president Barber B. Conable (left) talks with Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita during their meeting at the Japanese premier's official residence in Tokyo on April 1. (Reuters wirephoto)

'We cannot give incentives to bad performance'

Conable sets terms for bank debt cut role

LONDON, April 28, (Reuters): The World Bank is determined to move quickly to help the Third World cut its debt burden but will only aid countries committed to economic reform, the bank's president Barber Conable said yesterday.

"We cannot give incentives to bad performance and expect it to be anything but a disaster," Conable told Reuters in an interview. "We cannot subsidise economic inefficiency."

Conable said expectations among debtor nations were running high following new US proposals to reduce international debt but he ruled out any global scheme, saying the strategy had to be different for each country.

The World Bank's board will review two papers examining the US plan on May 9.

Plan
Its sister organisation, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), is also studying the implications of reducing the Third World's \$1.3-trillion debt, with both institutions under time pressure to put together a package for Mexico by July.

Earlier this month the industrial world backed the plan — floated by US Secretary Nicholas Brady — but nations

such as Britain and West Germany are concerned that new schemes will result in tax payers bailing out commercial bank creditors.

Neither the IMF nor the bank has qualms about setting aside funds for debtors such as Mexico to buy back loans from banks at a discount or to back the principal on bonds nations could issue in place of loans.

But Conable, in London for the Reuters annual luncheon, said the concept of providing support for interest payments to commercial banks on debt reduction schemes should be treated with much more caution and argued against any blanket guarantee.

"One concern is if we give generalised interest guarantees, it becomes a large charge against our capital, which affects our global responsibilities," he said.

Conable indicated that bank staff papers, to be distributed to executive directors today, argued for strict, prudential limits on any World Bank support to prevent its credit rating slipping on international capital markets.

The bank raises funds mainly through bond issues, passing funds on to poor countries at a rate linked to the cost of its borrowing.

owing. A fall in the bank's credit rating would increase the cost to debtor countries of its loans.

Conable was more receptive to an idea floated by the United States that the bank should put funds into an escrow account for a specific debtor country to fall back on and with which to make interest payments to commercial banks.

The World Bank, unlike the IMF, is allowed under its charter to make guarantees, but Conable said even under the escrow account model these should not be open-ended.

Conable visited Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson on Wednesday and said he believed there had been no change in British opposition to excessive transfer of risk under the "Brady plan" from the private to the public sector.

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The World Bank president underlined his hard-line stance on economic reform in his luncheon speech, saying: "We will only help those willing to help themselves."

He stressed the need for countries to attract back money invested by their nationals outside their borders — flight capital — and said the need for reform was as urgent as ever.

UK trade deficit narrows

Interest rate pressure eases

LONDON, April 28, (Reuters): Britain's current account deficit narrowed to £1.2 billion (\$2 billion) in March, relieving immediate pressure on the government for a politically damaging rise in interest rates.

The treasury said on Wednesday higher non-oil exports and lower imports contributed to the improvement, which followed a February current account gap of £1.7 billion (\$2.9 billion), the third worst in Britain's history.

Market analysts had forecast a gap of £1.5 billion (\$2.5 billion) in the March current account, a measure of external trade including services such as banking and tourism.

Analysts said the smaller deficit was welcome news for Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson but they remained cautious about the prospects for the economy.

Government supporters said the slowdown in the growth of imports indicated Lawson's strategy of high interest rates to stem a consumer spending boom which created a record trade gap.

Interest rates have been almost doubled to 13 per

cent since last June in an attempt to curb spending and inflation which is running at an annual 7.9 per cent and has not yet peaked according to the chancellor's admission.

There had been fears that another set of bad trade figures would give the pound a tumble on foreign exchanges creating irresistible pressure for interest rates to rise again.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government was anxious to avoid an increase because of the unpopular effect it would have on home loans ahead of a parliamentary by-election and local government elections on May 4.

On the figures so far this year, Britain is headed for a annual trade deficit in 1989 of £18 billion (\$30 billion) compared with Lawson's forecast of £14.5 billion (\$24.7 billion).

Pessimism was reinforced by the threat of a national dock strike in the coming weeks and a sharp fall in North Sea oil exports as a result of accidents which have slashed production.

The treasury said exports in March totalled £7.4 billion (\$12.6 billion) with imports at £9.1 billion (\$15.5 billion).

of money could suddenly dry up again as it did in 1987, driving up interest rates and depressing the dollar.

The treasury said inflation in the main industrial countries had increased somewhat in the past six months but was likely to remain in below four per cent in 1989.

"While the situation bears close attention in some countries, some factors suggest that there is not now a serious risk of a general acceleration of inflation," it said.

Inflation is likely to be held in check because of tight monetary policy in key countries, restrained wage increases, rising investment and the outlook for slower economic growth.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Gulf Investment Corporation to boost lending

LONDON, April 28, (OPECNA): The Kuwait-based Gulf Investment Corporation is to increase its lending commitments this year to finance Arab industrial, agricultural and service projects, executive president Dr Khaled Al-Fayez said Wednesday.

Speaking to the Arabic daily, "Al-Sharq Al-Awsat," based here, he pointed out that the lending capability of the corporation was expected to grow to \$1.20 billion during 1989. The corporation, he said, was expected to sign a \$400 million loan agreement with Qatar soon for the development of a gas project.

He noted that it would also extend \$230 million to Gulf Air and sign a \$300 million loan accord with Oman.

Al-Fayez disclosed in the interview conducted in Kuwait that the corporation posted a net profit of \$133 million last year while corporate assets stood at \$1.72 billion at the end of 1988.

Surveys conducted by the corporation and the general secretariat of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) had outlined over 120 potential investment projects, he said.

Mexico unveils 25pc salary increase for teachers

MEXICO CITY, April 28, (AP): The government late yesterday offered a 25 per cent wage hike for public school teachers in an attempt to resolve a bitter teachers strike that has crippled Mexico's public school system.

"We are going to begin a new chapter in the educational life of the country, Education Secretary Manuel Bartlett Diaz said. "We are going to modernise education and begin to support in difficult circumstances, in an economic crisis, the teachers."

The education chief, who has supervised numerous all-night negotiations to end the strike since it began April 17, looked visibly tired.

It was not immediately clear whether the government-recognised National Education Workers Union or the dissident National Education Workers Co-ordinate had accepted the government's offer. Leaders of the two factions could not be reached for comment by telephone late yesterday.

The increase could be effective May 15.

Petrochemical investment to cost Venezuela \$1.20b
CARACAS, April 28, (OPECNA): Venezuela's petrochemical industry will need \$1.20 billion for investment projects over the next five years, it was announced here.

Juan Szabo, director of Pequeven, the petrochemical affiliate of the national oil company, PDVSA, said that around 60 per cent of the investment would be made by his company while the remainder would be generated through joint ventures.

He stressed that Pequeven's policy was to create incentives for growth in the country's petrochemical operations to enhance the industrialisation process in Venezuela.

This approach, he said had attracted both the national private sector and foreign investors to participate in joint ventures with the company.

Qatar fertiliser firm records increased output
DOHA, April 28, (OPECNA): The Qatar Fertiliser Company produced 779,550 tonnes of urea and 742,855 tonnes of ammonia last year, a considerable increase over figures recorded in previous years, it was announced here.

Company deputy chairman Fuad Al-Mahmoud disclosed that operational profits in 1988 totalled \$49.73 million due to increased output, rising prices and administrative re-organisation.

He said that a recommendation from the company's board of directors to distribute \$13.74 million of the profits to shareholders had been sanctioned.

Al-Mahmoud said that in the first quarter of 1989, the company produced 178,590 tonnes of urea and 144,180 tonnes of ammonia, showing increases of 24,700 tonnes and 700 tonnes respectively over the same period last year.

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A scene from Danger Bay at 8.30 pm on KTV 2 on Wednesday

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Remarkable rise of Tanita Tikaram

Who needs to flash a belly button to be noticed?

TANITA Tikaram will never forget a sociology exam she took less than two years ago. There was this question on religion that she answered instead of choosing one on education or something more simple, and as a result she got a B grade, even though she had scored an A in English and political science.

At that time, 17-year-old Londoner thought there was no point in going to the university because she was scared she would not get into a good one. Maybe, she thought, she could try her hand at singing in pubs and nightclubs. She was also fond of scribbling songs, and had set quite a few of them to music. So why not attempt something she really enjoyed?

Her father, an Indian who grew up in Fiji and then became an officer in the British Army in Malaya before he moved to London with his Chinese wife, did not have any conventional role models for his only daughter. So Tanita was soon doing gigs in London at the Mean Fiddler. For days prior to the auditions, she sat in her bedroom plucking out chords on the acoustic guitar that belonged to her brother and putting songs together.

"I found writing songs quite easy," she remembers, "because I had always liked English in school and I loved writing poems and plays. Some friends were involved in bands and I thought, why not me?"

Her father loved music too. But neither he nor Tanita dreamt then that her music would take Britain by storm, that within a year-and-a-half of being spotted at the Mean Fiddler, she would ink a contract with a major music company — and that the hit single *Good Tradition* would lead within a few months to the sensationally successful album, *Ancient Heart*.

Looking back at her exam debacle, Tanita calls herself a "stupid child." But she cannot certainly regret what happened subsequently. "I didn't feel remotely buzzed by it," she says. "So it clicked that I should do something I cared deeply about, that I had a genuine passion for, not some kind of killing time. And it was song-writing."

Her gigs at the Mean Fiddler caught the eye of Irish singer Paul Brady who was also performing there, and soon his agent, Paul Charles, heard her and liked what she was doing. Before long, she was discussing recordings with Warner Brothers.

Today, Tanita insists that she knew her songs were going to click because she had felt that there was "an increased public appetite for songs coming straight from the heart."

Many of her songs express the frustrations of a teenager who is not understood by the big world of grown-ups. "There is always a point," she told a British newspaper while explaining her song *Sighing Innocents*, "when you suddenly realise that everything adults do isn't great, you just don't trust them any more."

Some critics have said her lyrics are somewhat obscure. Tanita says this is a deliberate

Tracy Chapman may be the hottest property in the American music business, but recording executives both sides of the Atlantic have discovered a new singer whom they



compare to Joan Baez, Carole King and Joni Mitchell.

Tani Tikaram, 19 is of Indian and Chinese descent and obviously a star of the future. Tanita's success graph is incredible — from her debut to the top of the pops was a journey of a few months. Now she is performing in sell-out concert tours.

decision. "I don't really think about what the songs are all about. Sometimes it's obvious, at other times you have to interpret them in your own way. My lyrics relate to things that have happened in my life."

"From the point of view of a fan," she continues, "I know that when one of my favourite song-writers says that a song is about a certain thing, I feel almost cheated. By not being specific, you can achieve things in a song which you are not even aware of yourself." As she had said in a previous interview, "I just spew out ideas and hope that they fall into some kind of logic."

However, there is a method to her madness. "There has been a lot of hard work," she says. "I have been writing songs since I was 17. I was lucky that I got noticed so soon, but if the songs were not strong I would soon have been forgotten."

Tanita's success graph is incredible — from her debut to the top of the pops was a journey a few months, not years. Now she is getting far more exposure as she is performing in sell-out concert tours. "I like to sweat," she told an interviewer in Britain recently. "When I am

sweating on stage, I know I am working."

And the media has followed her meteoric rise with plenty of relish. "Her story is already a pop myth," wrote Simon Frith of *The Observer*. "In these pre-packaged video pop times, this is an old model of success — young and fast and quirky." While Catherine Bennett of *The Times* (London) noted: "Tikaram's songs are being praised for their melodious intelligence. She sings them in a deep, fascinating voice which makes lyrics such as *Look, my eyes are just holgram/look, your love has drawn red from my hands* seem rich in beauty and wisdom."

Across the Atlantic too, there has been much praise. Much before the dates for Tanita's US concerts were being finalised, *The New York Times* wrote in a January issue: "Listening to *Ancient Heart*, the debut album of Tanita Tikaram, it's almost impossible to believe that the creator of the record's moody, enigmatic ballads is only 19 years old." Stealing the show, who wrote the story, described Tanita's voice as "unusually mature" and called her a romantic singer-songwriter in the tradition of Joni Mitchell, Van Morrison, Leonard Cohen and Rickie Lee Jones.

In interview after interview, Tanita has asserted that she does not want to be a bimbo, now and never. She is dismayed at the career path chosen by many women singers. "I know I shouldn't get so upset about women taking the easy way out and playing the bimbo," she told the *Telegraph* music critic last year. "But you end up wondering what feminism is for. Some of us are trying to create a society where both sexes are equal. These airheads are definitely not helping."

Tanita says that she had never really dreamt of becoming a singer. She actually wanted to be a lawyer. And perhaps an actress.

She had not heard of Bob Dylan till recently, she told one reporter. "See that woman?" her mother used to say sometimes. "She went out with Bob Dylan." Adds Tanita: "That's my image of Bob Dylan; a bloke who goes out with women who like the idea of him."

Now that she knows something about Dylan, she used his experience in defending herself against those who call her songs "sixth-form poetry." "Very strange," she muses. "I mean how old was Bob Dylan when he started writing those songs? No one says. About the same age, right? Joni Mitchell, Jackson Brown... they were young when they started. I think people would use a term like that because there has not been a very young song-writer for quite a while. But you can't sit around waiting for the minute you are 30 and then think, thank God for that, I can start writing now."

She is positive about one thing. "I hope I never have to flash my belly-button to get noticed." With such terrific sales and reviews, who needs to show a belly-button?



Tanita doesn't want to be a bimbo

Bangles top UK charts

Madonna magic

NEW YORK (AP) Like A Prayer kept Madonna at the top of the single pop records charts in the United States for the second week in a row.

Bon Jovi's I'll Be There For You hopped up one notch to second spot on the Cash Box magazine chart. Funky Cold Medina by Tone-Loc jumped from fifth to third.

Last week's number two hit, She Drives Me Crazy by the Fine Young Cannibals, slipped to fourth.

New to the top 10 list this week were Paula Abdul's Forever Your Girl, up from 12th to 9th, and Jody Watley's Real Love, up from 16th to 10th.

As for the country-and-western singles, Don't Toss Us Away by Patty Loveless took over as number one on the Cash Box magazine chart. Billy Joe Royal's Tell It Like It Is was second, and Young Love by the Judds was third.

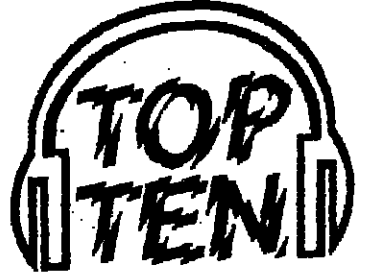
In London, Eternal Flame by the Bangles led the British pop singles chart for third straight week Wednesday, shadowed by If You Don't Know By Now by Simply Red for a third time in second place.

Morrisey came from off the chart with interesting drug to become the Number 7 hit, while the London Boys rose to 8th place from 21st with Requiem and Midnight Oil soared into 9th place from 20th with Beds Are Burning.

Top Ten US

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) Like A Prayer — Madonna (Sire).
- (2) I'll Be There For You — Bon Jovi (Mercury-Polygram).
- (3) Funky Cold Medina — Tone-Loc (Delicious Vinyl).
- (4) She Drives Me Crazy — Fine Young Cannibals (IRS).
- (5) Heaven Help Me — Deon Estus and George Michael (Mica-Polydor).
- (6) The Look — Roxette (EMI).
- (10) Second Chance — 38 Special (A and M).
- (6) Girl You Know It's True — Milli Vanilli (Arista).
- (12) Forever Your Girl — Paula Abdul (Virgin).
- (16) Real Love — Jody



Watley (MCA).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

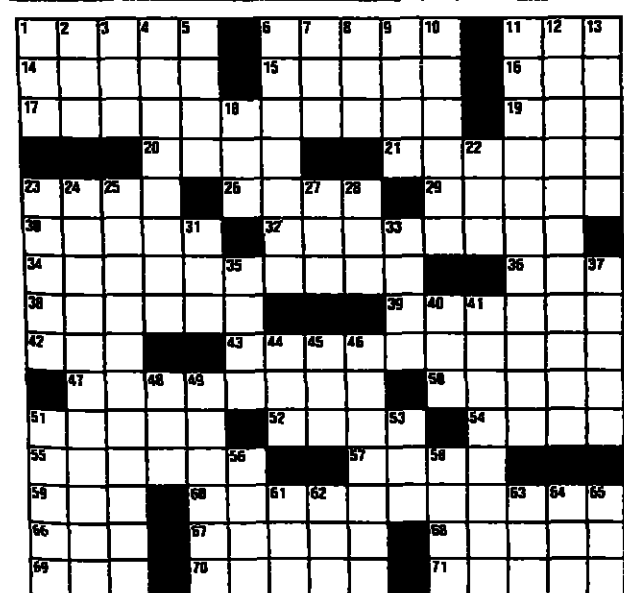
- (3) Don't Toss Us Away — Patty Loveless (MCA).
- (1) Tell It Like It Is — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).
- (7) Young Love — The Judds (Curb-RCA).
- (4) Hey Bobby — K.T. Oslin (RCA).
- (2) The Church On Cumberland Road — Shenandoah (Columbia).
- (5) There's A Tear In My Beer — Hank Williams Jr. (Duet with Hank Williams Sr.) (Warner Brothers-Curb).
- (11) If I Had You — Alabama (RCA).
- (9) Setting Me Up — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).
- (6) I'm No Stranger To The Rain — Keith Whitley (RCA).
- (8) Down That Road Tonight — The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (Warner Brothers).

Top Ten UK

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

- (1) Eternal Flame — Bangles (CBS).
- (2) If You Don't Know Me By Now — Simply Red (Elektra).
- (4) Baby I Don't Care — Transvision Vamp (IMCA).
- (3) Americanos — Holly Johnson (MCA).
- (5) Lullaby — Cure (Fiction).
- (6) I Beg Your Pardon — Kon Kan (Atlantic).
- (7) — Interesting Drug — Morrisey (HMV).
- (21) Requiem — London Boys (Teldec-WEA).
- (20) Beds Are Burning — Midnight Oil (CBS).
- (8) Keep On Moving — Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
- 1 Silly ones
 - 6 Sacred song
 - 11 Spain's El —
 - 14 Comment —
 - 15 Allegro —
 - 16 Small bill
 - 17 Amusement
 - 19 Gridiron mts.
 - 20 Kind of TV show
 - 21 Our, in Roma
 - 23 Seed covering
 - 26 Shirley MacLaine role
 - 29 Finery
 - 30 Kelly and Krupa
 - 32 Aromatic gum resin
 - 34 Magnetism
 - 36 With the will annexed: Abbr.
 - 38 Magician's word
 - 39 — a Big Bird
 - 42 Listening device
 - 43 Disparagement
 - 47 Down Under capital
 - 50 Coin in Stockholm
 - 51 France's West Point
 - 52 Receipts
 - 54 Title for Sellers Clouseau Abbr.
 - 55 18th London political club
 - 57 Farm equipment: Abbr.
 - 59 Israel's info org.
 - 60 Math function
 - 65 L-P connection
 - 67 Neighbor of Nepal
 - 68 Gladden
 - 69 Location: Abbr.
 - 70 Put away for
- DOWN
- 1 Wander
 - 2 Urban
 - 3 Railways
 - 4 Early residents
 - 5 A Pound
 - 6 Collector of a kind
 - 7 Concorde, e.g.
 - 8 — was saying...
 - 9 City NE of Paris
 - 10 Culture of ancient Crete
 - 11 Can't or won't, e.g.
 - 12 Violations
 - 13 Hold up
 - 14 Ring immortal
 - 22 — Lanka
 - 23 Wide open
 - 24 Disavowals
 - 25 Mutual influence
 - 27 2001, to Tacitus
 - 28 Latin I verb
 - 31 Posed
 - 33 Draft classification
 - 35 Morse contribution
 - 37 In — (instantly)
 - 40 Half an aircraft burst
 - 41 Precisely
 - 44 Work unit
 - 45 Refrain syllable
 - 46 Dilapidated structure
 - 48 Gotham, for short
 - 49 South American land, Spanish style
 - 51 Economize
 - 53 Notable period
 - 56 Bluefin
 - 58 Holes in one
 - 61 Geog. limit
 - 62 Teutonic war god
 - 63 Actor McKellen
 - 64 Native American
 - 65 Sparks of film fame

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

SWAP OLEG ITIC
HIRAM MARU NORA
ALLIE SCRAMBLER
KLONDIKE RELENT
TIC RADIATE
THATCH GIRL
RAISHI ALASKANS
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
EACH TRICK IN ITS TIME

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 6
♥ A 10 8 3
♦ A Q 9 7
♣ J 10 5

WEST
♠ A J 8 7 4 2
♥ 6 2
♦ 5 3
♣ 9 6 4

EAST
♠ 10 9
♥ Q J 9 7 4
♦ K 6
♣ 8 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K 5 3
♥ K 5
♦ J 10 8 4 2
♣ A K Q

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 2 ♠ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead: Seven of ♠
In theory, a combined total of 26 points should produce game at no trump. One would think, therefore, that with 29 points distributed more or less evenly between the two hands, nine tricks would be a breeze. But see what can happen when declarer fails to take the proper precautions.

North checked for a possible 4-4 major fit with the Stayman Convention. When South denied holding a major suit, three no trump was the obvious contract.

West led his fourth-best spade. Dummy's queen won and declarer cashed the ace of diamonds—he needed to set up the suit to make his contract, and he was prepared to surrender a trick to West; he was trying to guard against the faint possibility of a singleton king with East. East won the diamond continuation and pushed a spade through declarer's king. West took five spade tricks to complete a two-trick set.

As is often the case, declarer lost his contract at trick one. While he could do nothing about a 5-3 spade division, he could protect himself if West held six spades, via a line superior to trying to drop a singleton king of diamonds.

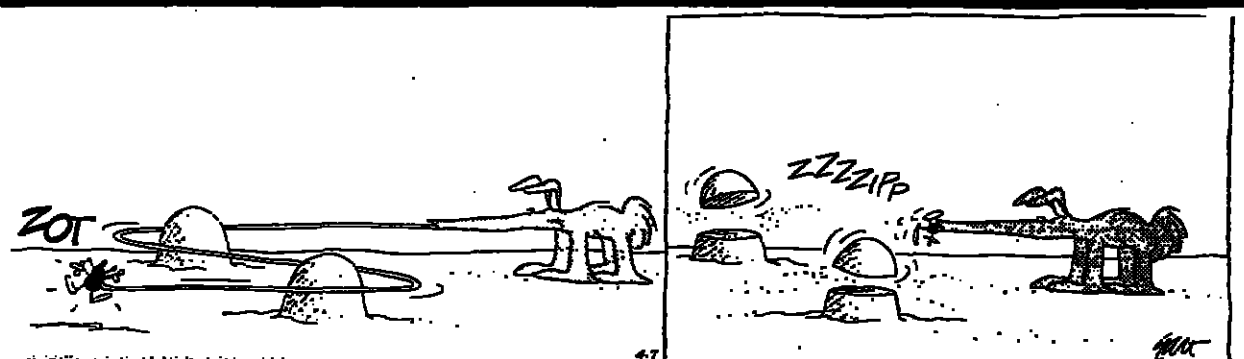
All declarer had to do was play a low spade from both hands to the first trick. Whether or not West wins the spade continuation is immaterial, as the cards lie. Declarer wins any return, comes to hand and takes the diamond finesse. When East wins the king he has no spade to return, and the contract is home.

THE WIZARD OF ID



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
You are rather inclined to allow your attention to stray and should do your best to concentrate. Others will not be all that willing to help you to rely more on yourself. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 34. Do not forget a promise you have made.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
You will find a new and better way of doing something you have to do as a matter of routine. Things will not be entirely to your liking. But instead of grumbling you should make the best of it. Try to have a good laugh at yourself.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
You will be able to have an interesting day, but there will not be time for everything and you must be selective. Do your best to avoid getting into an argument. Be more patient.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**
This is not your lucky day, but if you exercise care you will be able to keep out of trouble. You should have the courage of your convictions. Something you are looking for will not be in the place you thought it was. Be sincere.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You must try to avoid acting on impulses. You will not be in the best of moods and should do your utmost not to aggravate people. Do not allow your prejudices to get in the way of a fair assessment.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
You will find it easier to make up your mind, but you should try to avoid relying too much on guesswork. You are more liable to encounter bad drivers, so exercise extra care. Be polite.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
Avoid believing everything you hear, but do not be too sceptical either. You will be able to find a happy medium between your reason and your emotions. Make sure you switch off all electrical appliances before leaving home.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
You should avoid doing things in a certain way only because you have always done them that way. Do not try to save money by skimping on essential repairs.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
You will tend to be rather forgetful so make notes for yourself. There will be a small setback but you will know how to deal with it. Avoid trusting to luck even though you will probably have some. Be reliable.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
Your eyes will tend to be larger than your purse, so beware. Make sure you do not do anything that is likely to have a bad effect on your health. Watch out for mistakes made by yourself as well as by others. Be considerate.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You should spend a little time tidying up, if you do not you will waste much time looking for things. You must curb a tendency to jump to conclusions and to act on impulses.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You will be able to demonstrate your love and should do so. Try to ensure that you do not lead too sedentary a life, take a little more exercise. And stick to a sensible diet. Be objective.

Stallone stars

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Sylvester Stallone will star with Kurt Russell in *Setup*, to be directed by Andrei Konchalovsky for the Guber-Peters Production Company at Warner Bros.

Stallone and Russell will play rival cops, each with the reputation of being Los Angeles' best. They are set up for killing a federal agent by an assassin hired by two powerful crime families.

The two are imprisoned among cops they helped arrest, escaping to track down the criminals who framed them.

Hamlet assigned

AUSTRALIAN action film star Mel Gibson will drop his "C" day, mate' accent to star in Shakespeare's *Hamlet* for director Franco Zeffirelli.

Under the aegis of producer Dyson Loyell (who produced *Louise Brown* for TV), the movie will be filmed next year on locations in northern Scotland.

Duvall Cast

ROBERT DUVALL, Amy Irving, Andy Garcia and Low Diamond Phillips will star for Golden Harvest Productions in *Show of Force* beginning in June on location in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The \$12 million film, to be directed by Bruno Barreto for Hong Kong-based Golden Harvest, is taken from the Anne Nelson novel *Murder Under Two Flags*.

The story deals with the true account of an American journalist who uncovered a government and police conspiracy in Puerto Rico in the late 1970s to murder students forced to commit acts of terrorism.

Lansbury returns

ANGELA LANSBURY, a veteran of Broadway and currently the star of the TV series *Murder, She Wrote*, will host this year's 43rd annual Tony Awards special for CBS June 4.

Returning also will be producers Don Mischke, David J. Goldberg and director Walter Miller, the team that won the 1987 Emmy for outstanding variety special of the year.

The Tonys, which honour excellence in the American theatre, are a joint venture of the American Theatre Wing and the League of American Theatres and Producers. Nominees in 19 categories will be announced May 8.

Nielsen Vehicle

BRIGITTE NIELSEN, Sylvester Stallone's ex-wife, will star with Julian Sands and Gerald McRaney in *Murder By Moonlight*, a CBS-TC two-hour movie.

The sci-fi adventure story takes place in the year 2015 in the aftermath of an explosion that almost triggered World War III.

The principals find themselves on the moon involved in mining communities populated by Soviets and Americans who uncover a murder.

Fonda film

FONDA FILMS will bring to the screen this year's Pulitzer prize-winning book *A Bright Shining Lie* by Neil Sheehan.

A Bright Shining Lie is a true account of American Lt. Col. John Paul Vann in Vietnam. Sheehan was an award-winning Vietnam correspondent for the United Press International and the New York Times.

The drama will be the first film that Jane Fonda has produced but not starred in.

Glasnost festival

THE Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will host the Glasnost Film Festival when the programme of Soviet documentary films concludes its tour of the United States in May.

The academy, in co-operation with the American-Soviet Film Initiative Documentary Council, will screen three recent controversial documentary short subjects as well as host discussions between the visiting Soviet film delegation and representatives of American documentary film community.



Elvis Presley: the legend grows with another new book

Hollywood's Sheen dynasty

Like father, like sons

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Nepotism notwithstanding, most fans enjoy seeing the son or daughter of a movie star succeed in show business.

Only a few of Hollywood's youngsters, however, inherit the talent and drive.

The Fondas did, of course. Lloyd Bridges' sons Beau and Jeff did. Donald Sutherland's sprout Kiefer did. The Carradine clan did. Michael Douglas sure did.

Among the most prominent movie families today is the Sheen-Esteviz family.

The kids knew what they wanted and went for it without undue prodding from their parents.

First, the Esteviz-Sheen names require a bit of explanation, which Martin Sheen patiently provides.

"My real name is Ramon Estevez. My father was from Galicia, Spain. When I went to New York from Dayton to study acting many years ago I took a stage name. I didn't have a Latin



Martin Sheen

face. I was told I looked like my Irish mother.

Besides, there was some prejudice against Hispanics. So I took my first name from my friend and casting director Robert Dale Martin at CBS and my last name from Bishop Sheen, who was very big on TV at the time.

"My real name remains Estevez, but I invented myself, as some other people do. My name has served me well, but I still have a nagging disappointment that I didn't use my real name."

Sheen's three sons, Emilio,

Charlie and Ramon, grew up in Malibu. He bought them a movie camera when they were 7 and 11 years old and turned them loose.

"Emilio and Charlie wrote and directed all kinds of shorts and full-length films," Sheen recalled. "They used their friends as actors. Before they were in their teens they had their own repertory company, wardrobe and makeup departments."

"My wife Janet and I watched the completed films and enjoyed them. Charlie has a library of those films and they're a treasure. We can see our boys growing up along with their pals, Rob and Chad Lowe, the Penn boys, Sean and Chris, and other youngsters in the neighborhood."

"They did a clever thing for the written credits. They wrote the names with a piece of chalk on the driveway, then rinsed them off with a hose, waited for the surface to dry, then wrote the next batch of names."

"I had nothing to do with any of it except to give them the camera and get out of the way. I had no idea of the extent of the skills they developed."

"The boys loved movies and had the advantage of seeing how they were made on my far-flung locations. They learned the technical mechanics and appreciated good movies, imitating what they saw on sets and in theatres."

Sheen used his boys in crowd scenes once in a while and occasionally gave them bit parts.

Tolerance

"Emilio was the first to go into the business and I counselled him not to change his name," the proud father said. "He didn't like Sheen and didn't know if people in the Hispanic community would accept him as an Estevez. But times have changed in 25 years and there's more understanding and tolerance."

"Emilio hit quickly and became very popular, especially with Hispanics who claim him as their own."

"Then when Charlie came into the business he faced a double dilemma. It all happened so fast for him that he didn't want to use his real name, Carlos Estevez, so he settled for Charlie Sheen."



Emilio Estevez

Charlie became an overnight star in *Platoon*, although he first worked with his father in *The Execution of Private Slovik* at the age of 7. He recently co-starred in *Wall Street*, including some scenes with his father.

Martin worked with Emilio on stage in *Mr. Roberts* at Burt Reynolds' theatre in Jupiter, Florida, and in a TV show titled *In the Custody of Strangers*.

Papa Sheen and Emilio star in *Nightbreaker*, a dramatic story of 1950s atomic bomb testing in Nevada, on the Turner broadcasting network.

"My role is small and I play Emilio as an older man in the film," Sheen said. "We don't have any scenes together."

Emilio, 27, and Charlie, 23, appeared on screen together in *Young Guns* last year and are now in the process of co-starring in another movie, *Men at Work*, in which they play a pair of garbage men.

There may be a role in the picture for their brother Ramon, 25, who has switched his career from dancing to acting.

"I don't think of our family as a dynasty," Sheen said. "We're just a family with the same creative interests. I love my sons not just because they're my children — they're also my dearest friends."

"The boys are all very close. And they are crazy about their sister Renee, the baby of the family. She's an actress, you know."

I never glued Elvis' sideburns, says former hairdresser turned biographer

What's new on the Presley front?

By Ivor Davis

WHAT the world does not need is another book about Elvis Presley. Consider this: at last count there were some 200 publications about the late rock star.

Hardly a Presley stone has been left unturned in books that range from respectful to sleazy. The biggest sellers were by ex-wife Priscilla (Elvis and Me, 1985) and pop-world chronicler Albert Goldman (Elvis, 1981).

There are tomes about Presley and his manager Col Tom Parker, Presley and his mother Gladys, Presley and God. There are Presley scrapbooks, photo albums, posters, paper-doll books and a cookbook. Bodyguards, friends, family members and employees have gushed forth about the *King*, which leads us to Larry Geller.

More than 20 years ago Geller's claim to fame was cutting and shampooing Presley's hair. However, he became more than just the barber to the star. According to Geller's new book *If I Can Dream: Elvis' Own Story* (Simon & Schuster), he became Presley's confidante.

"I was his rabbi, his guru, the guy who mediated with him, the guy who had his ear," says 49-year-old Geller, who co-authored the book with Joel Spector and Patricia Romanowski.

Geller says the man he grew to know so intimately was different from the public Presley. Onstage, Presley strutted, swayed and performed as the epitome of male sexuality. Offstage, Presley was shy with women and liked nothing better than to read and discuss books about religion and spiritualism with Geller.

The former hairstylist says he kept a diary during the last year of Presley's life when the star's health began to deteriorate as a result of medical problems and daily doses of drugs. That collection of notes is the cornerstone of

"If I Can Dream." "Large chunks of my diary are Elvis' words from our conversations as I put them down," he says.

What's new on the Presley front? In a bizarre incident following Presley's death at Graceland in August 1977 Geller says he was called to a mortuary in Memphis where he identified the singer's corpse. Then for two hours he cut and styled Presley's hair.

"I never glued Elvis' sideburns as some people have said," he says. "As I worked on him I kept expecting Elvis to open his eyes, sit and say, 'Hey, Lawrence, the joke is over.'"

Geller says after Presley died doctors told the singer's father Vernon that his son was suffering from leukemia and the disease would have eventually killed him.

Geller paints an unflattering picture of Parker, the ex-carnival barker who managed the star. According to the author, Parker was a manipulative businessman who one night dropped \$1.4 million at Las Vegas gambling tables and was more worried about Presley missing a concert than the health of his deteriorating meal ticket.

One night a few months before Presley died, Parker marched into the star's bedroom where Presley, wracked with illness and in a half-conscious state from his abundance of pills, was having his head shaved into a bucket of ice by his doctor in an effort to revive him. After a quick look Geller said Parker stormed out declaring, "Only one thing matters... that this boy gets onstage." (According to Geller, Presley died before he could carry out a plan to fire his longtime manager.)

Other tidbits from "If I Can Dream" include:

● Presley frequently went on health-food kicks, but they lasted only a day or so before he went back to junk food and his daily diet of pills.

● Presley was proud of the fact that he was one-eighth Jewish — from his maternal

grandmother's side. But he kept it secret.

● Presley devoured spiritual books Geller bought him and more than once said he would enter a monastery if it would help him justify his entourage and star trappings. He even had a vision while driving through the desert in which he saw Stalin in a cloud, which then dissolved into a vision of Christ.

● Presley saw himself as a latter-day Jesus Christ who had healing powers. Geller says he once saw Presley heal a man who was having a heart attack. Another time he healed an aide who was paralysed and unable to move after a motorcycle crash.

● Presley believed he was brought to Earth "for a divine purpose," says Geller. "So he gave away millions — mortgages for homes, new cars, money for teeth, kidney transplants, hair transplants. ... At Christmas, after reading from the Scriptures, he would hand out \$100 bills like candy bars to the wives of the guys who worked for him."

Geller describes Priscilla as "superficial and cold" and tells about the time Elvis, Priscilla and he took LSD. Priscilla, he says, spent most of the time begging her husband, "Please, tell me I'm not ugly."

Although Presley loved his daughter Lisa Marie, she had to line up, as did many of his aides, outside his bedroom door to see him. "I wonder what my little baby is going to think about her Daddy when she grows up," he told Geller.

Says Geller: "Elvis knew he would die young — and knew he wouldn't be around to see her grow into a young woman."

So who killed Elvis? "He did. It all came back to him," says Geller. "Those around him didn't kill him, but they enabled it to happen."

The terrible irony, notes Geller, is that if The Betty Ford Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Clinic in Rancho Mirage, Calif., had been available in the early '70s, Presley might still be alive.

Curtain rises on Cannes

Twenty-two films to compete

PARIS, (UPI): Twenty-two films will compete in the 42nd Cannes film festival, which will open May 11 with the screening of the American-produced *New York Stories*.

German director Wim Wenders will preside over the panel of judges awarding the coveted Palme D'Or award at the festival, to be held May 11 to May 23 in the city of Cannes on the French Riviera.

Four American entries — Hugh Hudson's *Lost Angels*, Jim Jarmusch's *Mystery Train*, Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing*, and Steven Soderbergh's *Sex, Lies and Video Tapes*, have been selected for competition in the festival.

The festival will open and close with screenings of two American films which are out of the competition — *New York Stories*, a joint production by Woody Allen, Francis Coppola and Martin Scorsese and Luis Puenzo's *Old Gringo*.

Other entries in the competition include:

— *Rosalie Goes Shopping*, Percy Adlon, West Germany.
— *Jesus de Montreal (Jesus of Montreal)*, Denys Arcand, Canada.
— *Trop Belle Pour Toi (Too Beautiful For You)*, Bertrand Blier, France.

— *Sweetie*, Jane Campion, Australia.

— *Francesco*, Liliana Cavani, Italy.

— *Chimere*, Claire Devers, Italy.

— *Kuarup*, Ruy Guerra, Brazil.

— *Kuroi Ame*, Shobei Imamura, Japan.

— *Domica Vesanje (Time of The Gypsies)*, Emir Kusturica, Yugoslavia.

— *Monsieur Hire*, (Mr. Hire), Patrice Leconte, France.

— *Kvinnorna Pa Taket (Women On The Roof)*, Carl Gustave Nykvist, Sweden.

— *Reunion*, Jerry Schatzbert, Britain, France and the United States.

— *A Cry In The Dark*, Fred Schepisi, Australia/Britain.

— *Splendor*, Ettore Scola, Italy.

— *Torrents of Spring*, Jerzy Skolimowski, Italy.

— *Nuevo Cinema Paradiso (New Cinema Paradiso)*, Giuseppe Tornatore, Italy.

— *El Nino De La Luna (Child of The Moon)*, Agustin Villaronga, Spain.

— *Das Spinnennetz (The Spider Web)*, Bernhard Wicki, W. Germany.

Dr Jekyll, Mr Hyde plus Jack the Ripper

Perkins returns to horror

By Christopher Michand

NEW YORK, (Reuters): Nearly three decades after he won fame for his role as a homicidal maniac in *Psycho*, Tony Perkins is playing another movie monster — Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde with a dose of Jack the Ripper thrown in.

Having built his reputation, and career, playing assorted misfits and miscreants through the years, Perkins doesn't exactly break new ground in the new Victorian Gothic-horror movie, edge of sanity.

But he is delighted about the role — he appears in just about every scene.

With refreshing candour, the 57-year-old actor said that what he looks for in a part is getting a lot of screen time.

"The size of the part is tremendously important," he said. "You can flesh out a big part. A small part may be necessary to the plot and have interesting qualities, but it's not the same as one of the two leads."

"That's really what you want if you can possibly arrange it," an animated Perkins said in an interview.

In *Edge of Sanity*, which opened in the United States last week, Perkins plays the legendary Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, with an historical twist. Hyde's first name is Jack — as in *Jack the Ripper*.

While working in his laboratory one night, Jekyll inhales some fumes from an anaesthetic he is working on.

With a deadly-white face and red-ringed eyes, Jack Hyde prowls the streets of London, leaving carved up prostitutes in his wake.

In a topical update on the classic tale, Hyde smokes what looks very much like crack cocaine throughout his sexual and murderous escapades.

The good doctor/mad killer part, already portrayed some 70 times on film, is the kind of nutcase role Perkins has found himself almost inextricably linked with throughout his career.



Anthony Perkins: delighted about his new role

As Norman Bates in *Psycho*, Alfred Hitchcock's classic thriller, Perkins won himself a special place in the hearts of horror movie fans when he created a mad killer who was also vulnerable and tragic.

Since then he has gone on to portray at the very least unstable, often deranged, characters in films such as *Pretty Poison*, *Mahogany*, *Winter Kills* and Ken Russell's *Crimes of Passion*.

Typecasting is clearly not something that worries Perkins.

"I don't measure it in terms of what I've done before or what I do later. It's just all about what you're doing right then," he said.

Perkins' upcoming projects include his just-completed television pilot as "the world's most successful mystery writer."

Another forthcoming film is his fourth go-round as the guy with the ultimate Oedipus complex in *Psycho IV*, being written

by Joseph Stefano, who wrote the original. It will examine the story of the killer, Norman Bates, as a young boy and adolescent.

Perkins said he would like to direct the film, as he did *Psycho III*. He said he hopes the fourth chapter will make him feel "that overpowering urge, that itchy, burning sensation," he gets from a good script that compels him to want to direct.

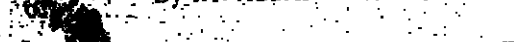
He has nothing but praise for Hitchcock who directed the original 1960 classic.

"He was always there for you, always ready to collaborate, and wonderfully generous with his experience and his genius," Perkins said.

Told that some actors who worked under the master were not so full of praise, Perkins responded with a staccato: "I have no comments to make on other peoples' experiences or quotes. Why would I? Why should I? Why would you ask me for it?"

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM



MUCH IS NOW KNOWN ABOUT BLOOD DISORDER

QUESTION: I was diagnosed by my physician six months ago with a blood disorder called "idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura" (ITP). I've been unable to find sufficient reading material about this disease. Any information would be helpful. I'm currently in remission.

ANSWER: When faced with these gigantic medical terms, we can learn a bit by explaining them piece by piece. Let's start at the end.

A "purpura" is purple or reddish brown discoloration seen through the skin, caused by blood hemorrhaging into the tissues. In ITP, the thrombocytes (platelets), an important part of the clotting mechanism that controls such bleeding, are not present in the blood in normal amounts. Any medical term which ends in "penia" means that there is an abnormal reduction in numbers, for "penia" comes from the Greek term meaning "poverty". "Idiopathic" means that the disease has a spontaneous origin, or, more literally, has an unknown cause.

The fact is that much is now known about ITP. The reason the platelets (or throm-

bocytes) are few in number is that they are being destroyed by an immune factor (antibody). Thus we now call the disease "autoimmune thrombocytopenic purpura," or by an older name, Werlhof's Disease.

A good deal of research is going on to explain all the mechanisms of the disease. It can be treated with large doses of corticosteroid (a cortisone-like medication), as well as other medications, with great success. When medications fail to produce the desired results, splenectomy, or removal of the spleen may be considered.

Now that you have some new insight, and a few more terms to search for, I hope your reading will be more rewarding. The fact that you are currently in remission is an excellent sign, but as you have probably been told, that doesn't represent a permanent state.

QUESTION: I have a condition (that I'm told is rare) where my feet become burning red and hot. My friends say everyone has the same thing and my problem is not so special. The doctor gave me a long name for my diagnosis, and if I could remember the name, I could

convince my friends that I did not make it all up. Can you help?

ANSWER: It's true that many people suffer from burning feet, usually due to standing too long or walking too far in badly fitted shoes. There are too many medical conditions that can produce the symptoms. The one I think you mean, though, is rare. It's called "erythromelalgia."

When it occurs there is a burning pain, the feet turn bright red and the skin temperature actually rises. It's the result of blood vessels in the foot (sometimes in the hands) dilating and allowing more blood to flow through the area. No one knows what causes the problem, and although it may remain mild for years, it can become so severe that disability may result.

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Agassi and Lendl remain on collision course

ROSWELL, Georgia, April 28, (UPI)—Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl remained on a collision course for the finals of the \$280,000 AT and T challenge by posting overpowering victories yesterday to advance to the semifinals of the tournament.

Agassi, who turns 19 tomorrow, crushed 17-year-old American rival Michael Chang 6-1, 6-0 on the clay courts of the Horseshoe Bend Country Club while Lendl routed Ecuador's Andres Gomez 6-3, 6-1.

Their semifinal opponents were to be determined today when Gomez played Yannick Noah and Chang faced fellow American Tim Mayotte.

Noah remained in contention for the

semifinal with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Californian Brad Gilbert.

Agassi dictated the 50-minute match with powerful ground strokes that produced 18 outright winners and forced the usually steady Chang into dozens of errors.

"I want to play everybody in a way so that they don't want to play me the next time," Agassi said. "If I had just held back a little and took that sting off the ball then things would have been different. Chang would have had time to get set for his shots and could have pushed me around the court."

While Agassi played near-flawless tennis, Chang struggled with his own game, hitting just seven winners and committing 33 errors

— most of them unforced. "I made a lot of unforced errors and you can't do that against Andre," Chang said. "I'm frustrated that I didn't give him a better match."

Agassi, the top American player and ranked No. 5 in the world, and Chang, ranked No. 21, are expected to battle for the No. 1 spot in the American rankings in the 1990s. Chang, who has never beaten Agassi, said he would learn from the stinging loss.

"Some days, guys will play out of their minds," said Chang. "Everybody has matches where they get killed. As you play these matches, you learn from them. You try to be prepared for it next time."

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Mats Wilander

MONTE CARLO, Monaco, April 28, (AP)—Mats Wilander of Sweden and Boris Becker of West Germany, the top two seeds, played streaky tennis but still qualified for the quarterfinals of the \$607,500 Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament yesterday.

Wilander, ranked second in the world, ran off four games in a row in both the first and second sets to beat Uruguay's Marcelo Filippini, 6-4, 6-4.

The Swede, a two-time French Open champion, was joined in the quarterfinals by two-time Wimbledon champion Becker. The No. 2 seed downed 16th-seeded Jordi Arrese of Spain, 6-1, 6-3, winning six games in a row in the second set.

In other third-round play, Carl Uwe Steeb of West Germany made short work of Paolo Cane, Monday's winner over Jimmy Connors, 6-4, 6-1. Horst Skoff of Austria, the 13th seed, ousted last year's finalist, Martin Jaite of Argentina, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), and Alberto Mancini of Argentina, seeded 14th, topped Carl Limberger of Australia, 6-1, 6-3.

Also, Ronald Agénor of Haiti, No. 10 seed, eliminated the last Frenchman, Guy Forget, 6-2, 7-5. Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina, seeded eighth, beat ninth seed Joas Svensson of Sweden, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5), and Jan Gunnarsson of Sweden defeated Patrick Kuhn of West Germany, 7-5, 6-2.

After an early rain, the sun broke out meekly in the afternoon, but it started raining again in the middle of the Wilander match.

"It's difficult conditions to play in, for sure, but it's a good mental test," Wilander said.

Wilander came from 2-4 down in both the first and second sets, suddenly turning his game around and forcing mistakes from the 21-year-old Uruguayan, rated 46th in the world.

Wilander has had a poor season so far this year after losing his No. 1 ranking after the Australian Open. He has failed to go past the third round of any tour-

nament in 1988 and lost twice in the Davis Cup against Austria, although Sweden won.

"I'm not putting any pressure on myself yet. Maybe later before the French Open," Wilander said. "But I'm happy with every win."

Becker blitzed Arrese in the first set in 32 minutes then dropped behind 0-3 in the second. But streaked against to win six games in a row.

"My patience was gone at the beginning and I was playing the points too quickly," Becker said of his start. "Then after 10 minutes I got back into my patience and my groove and found my rhythm."

The West German was more cautious and stayed back, coming to the net only behind deep approach shots to score easy volleys.

Becker feels better here after losing in his first match at this tournament the last two years.

"The first-round win helped me a lot. Once I got over the first round I felt much more relaxed out there," Becker said.

Auriol repeats 1988 Corsica rally success

AJACCIO, April 28, (Reuters)—Defending champion Didier Auriol won the 1989 Corsica Rally on Wednesday, repeating his success of last year with a stylish drive around the Mediterranean island's dangerous roads.

Auriol, one of the world's leading drivers on asphalt, started in a time performance in his four-wheel drive Lancia Delta Integrale to win from fellow-Frenchman Francois Chatriot.

Auriol clocked seven hours 12 minutes 39 seconds with BMW driver Chatriot, who held the lead for 24 hours on Monday, one minute 57 seconds adrift in second place. Two-times world champion Juhan Kankunen of Finland was another two minutes further back in his Toyota Celica.

Only 39 of 79 starters finished the 630-km long rally, which traditionally takes a heavy toll on cars.

Temesvari upsets Garrison

HOUSTON, April 28, (Reuters)—Andrea Temesvari of Hungary took a big step in her comeback when she beat second-seeded American Zina Garrison 6-3 6-7 6-2 to reach the quarterfinals of the \$250,000 Houston Tennis Championship yesterday.

Top-seeded American Chris Evert also advanced to the quarterfinals after she ousted defending champion Kathy Rinaldi 6-0 6-3 in a baseline duel to set up a match against seventh-seeded coun-

tywoman Gretchen Magers. Temesvari, ranked as high as seventh in the world before two ankle injuries sidelined her in 1987 and 1988, pinned Garrison behind the baseline with her heavy topspin strokes and took advantage of several errors by the American.

The momentum of the match change frequently. Temesvari raced to a 4-0 lead on her way to winning the first set, and Garrison took the second-set tiebreak

7-4 after the players traded service break in the 11th and 12th games.

Temesvari finally seized control at 2-1 in the final set when Garrison netted three consecutive forehands, enabling the Hungarian to build a lead she never relinquished.

"I didn't play with any pressure. I went to play Zina, and I didn't think that she's number six and I'm number 111," said Temesvari.

Krishnan in quarterfinals

TOYOTA, Japan, April 28, (AP)—Led by top-seeded Ramesh Krishnan of India, the four top seeds advanced today into the men's singles semifinals after winning their quarterfinal matches in the Dunlop Masters tennis tournament.

Krishnan, ranked 62nd in the world, crushed Kim Bong-Soo of South Korea 6-4, 6-0 while in an all-US match, second-seeded Jonathan Canter beat sixth-seeded Bill Scanlon, 6-4 6-1 on the hard court of Nagoya Green

Club in central Japan. In other quarterfinal matches, third-seeded Jeremy Bates of Britain beat Yoo Jin-Sun of South Korea 6-3, 6-3 and fourth-seeded Andrew Castle of Britain downed Japan's Shigeru Ohta 6-4, 6-1.

Krishnan meets Bates, while Castle faces Canter in the semifinals tomorrow.

The men's singles champion will receive 1.6 million yen (\$12,000).



Ramesh Krishnan



Lendl keeps his eye on the ball as he is about to send a back hand return to Gomez during his match on Thursday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Australians will do well, says Border

MELBOURNE, April 28, (Reuters)—Australian captain Allan Border said he was confident his side would give a good account of themselves in their forthcoming Ashes tour of England.

"All the ingredients are there for a very good series, we have a very good squad of players and I'm confident of the results," Border told journalists on the eve of departure.

Border, captain on the 1985 tour when Australia lost 3-1, said he expected to see many familiar faces in the England Test side, although he was doubtful whether Ian Botham, Australia's destroyer in the 1981 series, would play.

"Botham is obviously back bigger and better than ever but whether he finds the form he had as a Test cricketer remains to be seen," said Border.

"It's hard to imagine him as a front-line bowler because I assume with the operation it's going to be harder for him to be rushing in like a 22-year-old." Botham had major back surgery nearly 12 months ago which caused him to miss most of the 1988 season in England.

Australia have not won a series in England since 1975 and Border said the forthcoming six Tests would show whether the Australian side had matured.

"I think it's vitally important to assess how far we have come over the last three years. I am up against David Gower again and I think I'm better prepared than in 1985," he said.

Richards aims for return to form in final Test

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 28, (Reuters)—Viv Richards' belief he can end the series with a much-needed big score, allied to the prospect of a green pitch for his West Indian fast bowlers, leave India facing another tough task in the fourth and final Test which was to start today.

West Indies have a winning 2-0 lead in the rubber after asserting their superiority with emphatic victories in the previous two Tests, despite Richards not making a significant contribution with the bat.

Richards has made 25 runs in four innings, and if he does not reach 50 at Sabina Park, the only ground in the Caribbean where the West Indian captain has not scored a Test hundred, it will be the first time in his career he has failed to record a half-century in a series.

He was convinced he could end his run of low scores here, the scene in 1983 of one of his most stunning Test innings when, with West Indies needing 172 in 26 overs to beat India, he hammered 61 from 35 balls to help his side to victory.

India have never won a Test at Sabina Park, and their hopes of salvaging some pride from the current series appear unlikely to be fulfilled if the appearance of the pitch is any indication.

Unlike the strip used for India's match against Jamaica, which was so easy paced and devoid of grass as to be a batsman's paradise, the Test pitch looked almost as green as the outfield. No doubt some of the grass will be shaved off but there will still be enough left to give the West Indian pace quartet plenty of encouragement.

India are pinning their hopes of a return to the side of the unit Mohammed Azharuddin, nursing a groin injury that is almost certain to require an operation and which causes the middle order batsman considerable discomfort in the field.

A decision on whether to risk him was to be taken last night, with left-hander Wookeri Raman certain to be the player who would make way of Azharuddin.

Although no other changes are likely, leg-spinner Narendra Hirwani's place is not entirely safe after a return of only six wickets costing more than 57 runs each.

Off-spinner Margasabham Venkataramana would be the replacement for Hirwani, though not by dint of his form which has been ordinary to say the least on the tour with five wickets in 119 overs.

However, he was brought for experience and with the series lost the Indian camp may consider it a good opportunity to blood a bowler whom they regard as highly promising.

Probable teams: WEST INDIES: Gordon Greenidge, Desmond Haynes, Richie Richardson, Keith Arthurton, Viv Richards (captain), Gus Logie, Jeff Dujon, Malcolm Marshall, Curtly Ambrose, Courtney Walsh, Ian Bishop.

INDIA: Arun Lal, Navjot Sidhu, Ravi Shastri, Dilip Vengsarkar (captain), Wookeri Raman or Mohammed Azharuddin, Sanjay Manjrekar, Kapil Dev, Kiran More, Arshad Ayub, Chetan Sharma, Narendra Hirwani.

Thomas takes five wickets for Northants

LONDON, April 28, (Reuters)—Pace bowler Greg Thomas, watched by England selection chief Ted Dexter, enhanced his chances of a Test recall by grabbing five for 87 for Northamptonshire against Gloucestershire yesterday.

However Gloucester's fifth wicket pair of Phil Bainbridge and Kevin Curran put on 124 together to enable the home side to reach a respectable 265 on the first day of their four-day county cricket championship match.

After being reduced to 47 for four, Curran made 65 and Bainbridge 59 as Gloucestershire fought back and their recovery was completed by Jeremy Lloyds who scored 61 before becoming the last man out.

Northants were 32 for one at the close.

Colin Wells returned career-best figures of seven for 65 with his incisive seam bowling at Hove as Sussex dismissed Kent for 234.

Wells obviously enjoyed the wet conditions and took the first five Kent wickets to fall. Australian pace bowler Tony Dodemaide, who narrowly missed selection for the Ashes tour of England this year, marked his debut for Sussex by taking two wickets.

Widespread rain prevented three other matches beginning and severely curtailed play at Old Trafford where Lancashire had reached 74 for two by the close in their match against Nottinghamshire.

India to hold international one-day event

CALCUTTA, April 28, (Reuters)—India is to hold an international limited-over cricket tournament in October and November, the organisers announced on Wednesday.

Besides India, invitations have been sent to Australia, England, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and West Indies, organising committee convenor Jagmohan Dalmi told a news conference.

Unofficial sources added that three of the invited nations had already said they would play in the round-robin 50-overs-a-side tournament, which will offer \$40,000 to the winning side and \$25,000 to the runners-up.

The tournament will be part of India's celebrations marking the centenary of the birth of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, in his day a keen cricketer.

The final will be held in Calcutta, and venues for the other matches will be announced when the response from the individual countries is known in the next two weeks.

The tournament has the blessing of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, but whether the matches will be considered official one-day internationals has yet to be decided by the International Cricket Conference, the organisers said.

Jansher beats Dittmar for Paris Open crown

PARIS, April 28, (Reuters)—Pakistan's Jansher Khan won the Paris Men's Squash Open for the third successive year on Wednesday, beating Australia's Chris Dittmar 9-2 4-9 9-1 9-4 with a superb display of ball control and footwork.

Number two seed Dittmar, the losing finalist here last year, played some of his best squash, often dominating the court for long periods. But the top seed had all the answers.

"After the problems at the British Open, I'm feeling strong again. My game is improving," said the 19-year-old Pakistani who was knocked out of the British Open at the quarterfinal stage two weeks ago after suffering from a back injury.

It was a classic final for the handful of spectators who had seats in Paris' old Jeu de Paume Club, believed to be the smallest squash tournament venue in the world.

The match began at a furious pace with the first game full of long rallies often ending in the stalemate of a let.

But after dropping the first game, the Australian showed a new determination in the second, throwing himself around the court and seeking out surprise angles to level the match at one game all.

Jansher then took control, hardly putting a foot wrong as he won the last two games in under 20 minutes to lift the last tournament on this season's circuit.

Tyson arrested for speeding

ALBANY, N.Y., April 28, (Reuters)—World heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, whose brushes with the law have become as familiar as his triumphs in the ring, was arrested on Wednesday night for speeding. Albany police said yesterday.

Tyson was charged with driving at 71 miles per hour (114 kph) in a 30 mph (48 kph) area in his white Lamborghini through the New York state capital of Albany and was ordered to appear in court on May 9, officer Al Russo reported.

Russo said a patrol car clocked Tyson, 22, speeding with another car, and a second police vehicle joined the chase. Tyson and the other driver, 22-year-old Mark Johnson, were arrested when they stopped near a restaurant just before midnight.

Last year Tyson was injured when he ran his car into a telegraph pole. Earlier this week a woman filed a \$12 million suit against Tyson, accusing him of fondling her and making improper suggestions at a New York club in December. Two weeks ago he was involved in a scuffle with a Hollywood nightclub employee over a parking spot.

In 1987 he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and battery for allegedly striking a man in the parking lot of a Los Angeles theatre, but the charges were dropped after Tyson paid the man an unspecified amount of compensation.

Tyson has also been the target of suits by his former trainer, his manager, his wife Robin Givens from whom he was divorced in February, and fighter Mitch Green who was involved in a brawl with the heavyweight champion in Harlem last year.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Australian coach

MELBOURNE, April 28. (Reuters): Australian Test coach Bob Simpson said today New South Wales was making a bad mistake chasing the signature of Zimbabwean-born batsman Graeme Hick. Simpson, echoing the thoughts of many New South Wales players, said the state contained sufficient batting talent already and Hick's arrival for the 1989/90 season could rob a potential Test player of a Sheffield Shield spot.

Test matches

MELBOURNE, April 28. (Reuters): Australia will play three Test matches against Pakistan, two against Sri Lanka and one against New Zealand in the 1989/90 season.

Ben Johnson

MADRID, April 28. (Reuters): Disgraced Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson is not a special case and Olympic authorities will not change the rules to deal with him. International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch was quoted as saying on Wednesday.

Spanish Open

VALENCIA, Spain, April 28. (Reuters): National hero Seve Ballesteros dropped five strokes in the last three holes to finish nine strokes adrift of leader Derrick Cooper after the first round of the Spanish Open golf championship yesterday.

1992 Games

BARCELONA, Spain, April 28. (Reuters): The president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today urged the Spanish government and organisers of the Barcelona Olympics to ensure the 1992 Summer Games were free of crime.

200 winners

TOWCESTER, England, April 28. (Reuters): Peter Scudamore became the first British jump jockey to ride 200 winners in a season yesterday when he steered 10-1 chance Gay Moore to victory in the gathering gloom of an evening race meeting here.

Brown triumphs

WASHINGTON, April 28. (Reuters): American Simon Brown retained his International Boxing Federation welterweight title when the referee stopped his scheduled 12-round against countryman Al Long in the seventh round yesterday.

Nagoya golf

TOKYO, April 28. (Reuters): Overnight co-leader Greg Norman of Australia posted a two-round total of seven-under-par 133 on Friday to retain a joint lead with Japan's Koichi Suzuki in the 100 million yen (\$755,000) Nagoya Invitational golf tournament.

Wales defeated

WREXHAM, Wales, April 28. (AP): Defender Dennis Schiller pounced on a loose ball and scored on a 25-yard blast in the first half to start Sweden toward a 2-0 victory over Wales Wednesday night in an exhibition soccer match.

Perfect end

TARANTO, Italy, April 28. (Reuters): Italy overwhelmed Hungary 4-0 on Wednesday to bring to a perfect end a season of international soccer friendlies in the year before they host the World Cup finals.

TV rights

BARCELONA, Spain, April 28. (AP): A record \$401 million contract giving the NBC network the US television rights to the 1992 Olympics was signed yesterday.

Two-way tie

LAS VEGAS, April 28. (Reuters): Tom Purtzer fired his second straight 66 yesterday to catch Bill Glasson for a share of the lead in the \$1.3 million Las Vegas Invitational.

Berger released

VIENNA, April 28. (Reuters): Gerhard Berger was released from hospital yesterday, four days after suffering burns and bone fractures in a spectacular crash at the San Marino Grand Prix.

Kristin Otto

EAST BERLIN, April 28. (Reuters): East Germany's Kristin Otto competes this weekend in her first international event since winning six gold medals at the Seoul Olympics.

Czechoslovak star

PRAGUE, April 28. (Reuters): A Czechoslovak soccer star who returned home last month after defecting to England will be allowed to play for Italian side Fiorentina, a senior Czechoslovak soccer official said on Wednesday.

Qadsiya outlast



Faisal Al Dakhlil receives the Amir's Cup from Sheikh Saad.

QADSIYA, backed by a vociferous capacity crowd of over 25,000, beat Al Arabi 2-1 late Wednesday evening in the final of the Amir's Cup soccer tournament to lift its first title in nearly 10 years.

Qadsiya won the last title, also the Amir's Cup, in 1979 by beating Kazma by a similar score.

Mohammed Ibrahim put Qadsiya ahead after only 15 minutes of the first half and with Qadsiya putting on an excellent exhibition of soccer, the game seemed to be in their hands

before Al Arabi capitalised on a defensive error by the Qadsiya players and Abdulla Mansour levelled the scores in the 79th minute.

Salem Mirza, a Qadsiya midfielder, cut short Al Arabi's celebrations when he beat the rival goalkeeper to get the winning goal after only 30 seconds.

Faisal Al Dakhlil, the Qadsiya captain playing the last game of his career, and his squad made their intentions clear from the start of the game. Faisal sent Mohammed Ibrahim clear only

after 20 seconds but the latter failed to control the ball and an Al Arabi defender cleared the ball.

Ibrahim got the ball into the goal two minutes later but was ruled offside. Al Arabi launched some counter-attacks in an effort to decrease the pressure on their goal but ran into an unusually strong Qadsiya defence.

The first goal came after an excellent move between Ubaid Al Shammari and Faisal Al Dakhlil in the midfield.



Faisal lifts the Cup

Ubaid sent Hamad Al Saleh clear on the right wing and a cross by the latter found Ibrahim only five metres away from the goal. An Arabi defender had a chance to clear the ball but he was slow to react and Ibrahim easily put the ball into the net.

Qadsiya goalkeeper, Talal Al Shalan, was soon called to make some effective saves, one only from three metres, as Al Arabi went all out for an equaliser.

Louis Phillip, the Qadsiya coach, played a major role in his team's victory by changing his tactics for this match. Al Arabi had beaten Qadsiya on both occasions earlier this season on

Al Arabi for title



The victorious Qadsiya squad with other members of the club.

their way to the Kuwait League title.

Qadsiya, which has the best forward line in the country, proved quite strong in the defence for this match. Defence had been always Qadsiya's weak point.

Qadsiya has been reinforced this year by the return of Kuwait national striker Muayyad Haddad, although he was not fully fit.

Al Arabi, however, were weakened by the absence due to injury of Sameer Saeed — the best goalkeeper in Kuwait. He was

injured in an earlier clash between the two teams.

Al Arabi also changed their tactics for this match and relied more on their forward line rather than their traditionally strong defensive game in order to find chinks in the Qadsiya defence.

This move failed to pay any dividends as the Qadsiya defence, superbly marshalled by Faisal Al Dakhlil and Ubaid,

thwarted all the Al Arabi efforts to control the midfield.

This was the 8th time that Qadsiya have won the Amir's

Cup. The last time these two sides clashed in the final of the Amir's Cup, in 1972, Qadsiya won the match by an identical score. Al Arabi have also won the Cup eight times while Al Kuwait has lifted it seven times.

The match was patronised by HH the Amir and attended by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, who gave away the prizes at the end of the match.

The team was to be received by HH the Amir at the Bayan Palace this evening.

Attention focuses on relegation struggle

Top English clubs out of action

LONDON, April 28. (Reuters): With top English clubs out of action this weekend in the aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster or because of Cup commitments or the bank holiday, attention will be focused on soccer's relegation struggle.

Second-placed Liverpool are still mourning the death of 95 spectators at their Football Association (FA) Cup semifinal in Sheffield.

Nottingham Forest, Liverpool's opponents at the Hillsborough tie and lying fourth in the League, take on Everton at Wembley in their second Cup final appearance of the season.

Having won the League Cup earlier this month, Forest are

hoping for a hat-trick of trophies, with Sunday's Simod Cup for First and Second Division clubs only and the FA Cup in their sights.

League leaders Arsenal, three points ahead of Liverpool, must wait until Monday to play third-placed Norwich in a bank holiday clash.

At the bottom of the table West Ham's match against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough has also been postponed after police ruled access to the end of the ground where the disaster happened was still unsafe.

Second-from-bottom Newcastle, with only one point in their last five League games, go

to Wimbledon knowing that if they lose they are virtually sure to tumble into the Second Division.

Luton, two points above, are also a near certainty for relegation if they lose at home to Derby County.

The club, which has plunged from the middle of the table to the danger zone, after earning only three points from their last 10 games, are fielding a full squad.

"It is essential that we win our last three home games," Luton manager Ray Harford said.

In Scotland, top club Rangers take on Hearts, while Aberdeen, trailing the leaders by four points, host third-placed Celtic.

Meanwhile, a star of Arsenal

said the title chase no longer has any importance.

English international midfielder David Rocastle said even if Arsenal holds on to its slim lead over Liverpool and claims the League championship, "it does all seem meaningless now."

"The gloss has been taken away from the season," he said. "Arsenal has worked hard to be at the top of the First Division, but tell that to the families who have suffered and are still attending funerals."

Rocastle said if he received a championship medal, he might donate it to the fund for victims' families.

"What does it mean anyway?" he asked.

Decision shelved

BARCELONA, April 28. (Reuters): The soccer tug-of-war between the game's governing body and Olympic leaders will be resolved in August, an Olympic official said on Wednesday.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) wants the tournament at the 1992 Barcelona Games to be open to top professional players to ensure the best possible competition.

Doctor gave steroids to athlete 'on demand'

TORONTO, April 28. (Reuters): A Toronto doctor supplied Canada's top female sprinter with steroids on demand, an inquiry into banned substances in amateur sport heard yesterday.

Appearing at the Canadian federal inquiry, Toronto doctor Gunter Heiger Koch admitted he was not an expert on steroid use, but prescribed dianabol to sprinter Angela Issajenko and also injected her with testosterone.

Koch said he supplied steroids to Issajenko even though he had misgivings about her continued use of them and doubted they really worked. He said he first prescribed the drugs to treat her anaemic condition and chronic fatigue but continued providing injections after the symptoms disappeared.

When asked for what medical reason he continued to inject Issajenko, Koch replied: "There wasn't really any reason. It was on demand. She wanted the shot."

He claimed he gave her "an essentially small dose," said Issajenko was sent to him by Charlie Francis, the sprint coach who also tutored Ben Johnson whose loss of the Seoul Olympics 100-metre gold medal because of a positive test for steroids prompted the federal inquiry.

Koch insisted he never discussed clearance times, performance enhancement or doping tests with Francis or the athletes. He admitted he knew steroids were banned for international competition.

Koch said he often told Francis that he thought the coach's standard tools for making "super-athletes" — dianabol, winstrol V, and vitamin B12 injections — were largely useless.

"I don't think it does anything, personally," he said. "I think it's strictly a placebo injection... That you commonly give as a booster or for an adjunct to make people feel better. There's no sound therapeutic reason for it."

"You can give 100 people a tablet that does nothing, and you'll probably have 65 per cent of them that will respond to them."

Koch said he often warned of the side-effects of prolonged steroid use, but expressed the opinion that small doses, falling within prescribed norms and over a three to six month period, would be of little long-term risk.

The inquiry resumes on Monday.



Samaranch

IOC chief hospitalised

BARCELONA, Spain, April 28. (AP): International Olympic Committee President Juan Antonio Samaranch remained in good condition today in a Barcelona clinic a day after being treated for intestinal bleeding, a clinic spokeswoman said.

The Quiron Clinic spokeswoman, who was not identified in keeping with custom, said Samaranch, 68, "had a very quiet night and is resting comfortably" under observation.

Samaranch, a Barcelona native and business leader, yesterday closed four days of IOC meetings on preparations for the 1992 Barcelona Summer Olympic Games.

Barcelona, located on the northeastern Mediterranean coast, is Spain's second-largest city and serves as the capital of the four-province region of Catalonia.

Samaranch was elected president of the IOC in July 1980 and had served as IOC vice-president from 1974-78. He has been a member of the IOC since 1966.

Results

Baseball games

NEW YORK, April 28. (Reuters): Results of Major League Baseball games played yesterday:

American League	National League
Oakland 9	Baltimore 4
Chicago 3	Boston 3
New York 3	Kansas 2
California 10	Detroit 6
Toronto 6	Seattle 1
	St. Louis 10
	San Francisco 1
	Chicago 1
	Los Angeles 0
	San Diego 8
	Pittsburgh 1

NBA matches

NEW YORK, April 28. (Reuters): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday:

Eastern Conference quarterfinals	Western Conference quarterfinals
Atlanta 100	Milwaukee 92
(Hawks lead best-of-five series 1-0)	New York 102
Philadelphia 96	(Knicks lead best-of-five series 1-0)
(Knicks lead best-of-five series 1-0)	Golden State 123
Utah 119	(Warriors lead best-of-five series 1-0)
Los Angeles 128	Portland Trail 108
(Lakers lead best-of-five series 1-0)	

Bridge

RESULTS of Sheraton Bridge Club game held on Wednesday:

1. Mrs M. F. Farah	N/S
2. Tib & Sherin	E/W
3. Hemeidi & Hussain	E/W
1. Mrs Sapre & Ravi	E/W
2. Mr Sapre & Gujjar	E/W
3. Dr Sudi & Latala	E/W

Spain beaten by Michel's own goal against Ireland

England and Soviet Union swamp opponents

LONDON, April 28. (Reuters): Spain lost for the first time in their campaign to reach the 1990 World Cup soccer finals when they went down to Ireland in Dublin on Wednesday, but their record of not conceding a goal to an opposition player remained intact.

An own goal by Michel in the 16th minute consigned the European Group Six leaders to a 1-0 defeat but the Spaniards are still locked on course for a place in the finals after winning their first five qualifying games.

Nine World Cup matches took place in Europe on Wednesday, none being more competitive than the clash between the Netherlands and West Germany in Rotterdam.

The game, a repeat of the 1974 World Cup final won by the Germans and the 1988 European championship semifinal won by the Dutch, ended 1-1, the hosts having Marco van Basten to thank for their 87th-minute equaliser.

Van Basten's consistency as a marksman in the past year, for his country and AC Milan, has been impressive and on this occasion it earned the Dutch a draw they barely deserved to keep them level on points with the Germans in Group Four but behind them on goal difference.

In other matches, the Soviet Union, England and Portugal had emphatic home wins. The Russians beat East Germany 3-0 in Kiev, England swamped Albania 5-0 in London and Portugal defeated Switzerland 3-1 in Lisbon.

Scotland struggled to satisfy their supporters with an edgy 2-1 win over Cyprus in Glasgow but Denmark and Northern Ireland both won 2-0 away, the Danes



England's Gary Lineker (left) dances past Albania's defender Artur Lekbello. (Reuters wirephoto)

against Bulgaria in Sofia and the Northern Irish against Malta in Valletta.

Romania, battling with Denmark for supremacy in Group One, drew 0-0 with Greece in Athens. The result kept the Romanians on top of the section but they still have their two matches against Denmark to play in the four-nation section from which only one team is guaranteed

a place in the finals.

Flemming Povlsen and Brian Laudrup scored the goals in Sofia that may prove an important contribution to Denmark's attempt to reach their second successive World Cup finals.

Liverpool's Peter Beardsley, back in action for the first time since the English FA Cup semifinal abruptly ended by the



W. German striker Rudi Voeller (2nd right) has his header punched away by the Dutch goalie. (Reuters wirephoto)

crowd disaster that claimed 95 lives, scored two of England goals at Wembley.

With five points from the games and with no goals conceded, England are now firmly established at the top of Group Two but still have away matches to play against Poland and Sweden, both dangerous rivals.

The Soviet Union's win over East Germany with three first-half goals carried them past Turkey and to the top of Group Three.

Karl-Heinz Riedle gave West Germany a 68th-minute lead with a diving header and it looked like being the winner until Van Basten's late strike. But Franz Beckenbauer, West Germany's manager, was satisfied. "We are getting a good team together now. If we play in the future like we played in the second half tonight I'll be a very satisfied man."

Scotland's win over Cyprus, which lifted them four points clear of Yugoslavia at the top of Group Five, was notably only for Mo Johnston's feat in becoming his country's most prolific World Cup scorer. By scoring Scotland's first, he took his World Cup tally to eight, one more than Kenny Dalglish and Joe Jordan.

Michel's own goal that gave Ireland their win over Spain came from Liverpool midfielder Ray Houghton's cross from the right which caused chaos in the penalty area. Striker Frank Stapleton was originally credited with the goal but said after the game: "I didn't get a touch. It was an own goal by Michel."

Spain still have twice as many points as any other side in Group Six, including Northern Ireland whose two second-half goals against Malta are unlikely to send them to their third successive finals.

Portugal's win, their three goals coming between the 48th and 69th minutes, established them in first place in Group Seven, a section previously led by Belgium.

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